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Recruitment of labour in Mysore for Plantations in Ceylon

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

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File No. 53-10

Serial Nos. 1-6 . 14 . 16 . 18 . 19 . 21 . 22 . 24

Papers Filed.

Month November 1912

SUBJECT.

Recruitment of Labour in Mysore for Plantations in Ceylon.

PREVIOUS REFERENCES.	LATER REFERENCES.
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K.N. Krishnaswamy Esq 23-11-12.

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FILE HEADING.

Recruitment of labour in Mysore for plantations in Ceylon

From

Hosamane Nyavegowda and four others residing in certain villages of the Channarayapatna Taluk

No. Pet^n Dated 25-7-10 Received 28-7-10

Diary No. 1448	Enclos.	Spare Copies	Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

State that about 3 months back a boy from each of the petitioners' houses and 8 other boys of neighbouring villages disappeared suddenly, a letter was received about 20 days back from one of the missing boys to the effect that they were all deceived to leave their homes under false hopes of getting ~~NOTES AND ORDERS.~~ lucrative situations elsewhere, they were sent to the Office of the Ceylon Labour Commission at Bangalore and after their thumb impressions were obtained they ~~xxx~~ were finally despatched to Ceylon where they are now earning not more than 5 as a day; request that the 13 boys may be safely sent back to their homes and that in future arrangements may be made ~~GP13—30,000—3-4-07.~~ for the protection of His Highness' ~~xxx~~ subjects against the irresponsible

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acts of some of the agents of the Ceylon Labour Commission

Notes &c.

(1) Mr Srinivasayya asks that the letter may be sent to the Resident with a request that the Ceylon Govt may be requested to make inquiries into the truth of the allegations therein contained

(2) By V Early

The enclosures to the report should be carefully secured in a cover

C/S

28/VII

28.7.10

(3) A dft to the Residency is subd

Attention is in this connection invited to Sls 1874-19 of Q. No 94 of 08 wherein the Bangalore Distt Magistrate

Linked (A)

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has been asked to state what objection there is to the opening of the Agency Office at Bangalore in connection with Ceylon Emigration

(4) May a copy of the petition be sent to the Distt Magistrate Hassan for a report as to the truth or otherwise of the allegations made therein?

(C) Not necessary. Struck.

Submd

(5) A typed copy of the petition will if approved be got prepared by the typing section and kept in the file

VS
29-7-10

(B) This may be done

dm 29-7-10

Dewan

dm 29/7/10

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31-7-10

(6)

(A) Messrs Mears
Send an impressed reminder to Dy Cr Bangalore

Report rec'd & being dealt with

(B) The original had better be kept there only a copy being sent to Resdy

(C) Copy of Pet^n had better be sent to Dy Cr Hassan for signing report

(7) Dray Tallied Satisfd
to Resdency

31/7/10

dm 2/8/10

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448 2	To the D.A. Resident, Pol. No 137 D/9.8.10 — FS Copy of the above requests that the Hon'ble the Resident may be moved to address the Ceylon Govt in the matter & request them to make enquiries into the truth or otherwise of the allegations made in the petition (8) Subd with a dft to D.C. Hassan DR 9.8.10 VS (9) Done for 10/8/10
3	To the D.C. Hassan, No. G. 957 D/73-8.10 — FS for enquiry & report, Copy of PC 1
SWS DR 4	Letter No 4946 dated the 17th Aug 1910 from the First Asst. Resident in Mysore States, in reply to Sl 2, that before the Govt of ~~Ceylon~~ Ceylon can be addressed in the matter with effect it is necessary that the Residency should be informed of (1) the names and approximate ages of each boy and (2) whether enquiry made locally tends to show that the boys were actually brought before the Ceylon Immigration Commissioni Agency at Bangalore and ~~dep~~ despatched to Ceylon; and adds that it will facilitate the refce to the Ceylon Govt if the Durbar will state the provin-

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of law which has been contravened in the present case.

(10) The Dy. Com^rs report called for in ¶ 3 will perhaps throw light on ~~Dictotraders~~ the points raised in the first para of the letter may the Govt & Advocate and the Judicial Branch be consulted in regard to the legal point brought to notice in para 2.

Subd
DR
18-8-10. VS

(11) Perhaps the Dr Com^r may be again asked to require & report specifically on the two points indicated in the Residency Letter. The legal point will also have to be considered at length.

Secretary)
18/8/10

(12) Yes - please.
VS
Please resubmit this clubbed files after writing to D.C. Hassan
27/8/10
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(13) Dft subd
DR
30-8-10

(14) Issue
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30/8/10

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5	To the D.C. Hassan Dtt No G 1517 d. 1.9.10. Frds a list showing the names and approximate ages of the boys ref^d to above & requests the D.C to cause the same to be verified & to furnish some information called for by the Residency in Sl. 4. Above.
(15)	File rembd with linked Files 94 & 08 HH as directed above. (Secretary) hm 5/9/10.
(16)	Re Legal point see my note in linked file (94-08-09) If H does not agree with that view I shall be glad if the question is discussed upon this file. hm 24/9/10
6	Letter No. 1141/S dated the 26th Oct. 1910 from the Dy Comr Hassan Distt. Submits as required a detailed report on the subject of the disappearance of the boys referred to in Sl 1 and their subsequent despatch to Ceylon for work under false hopes of getting lucrative situations &c.

I will look into this when the file is rets & the information asked by the Residency is recd from the D.C. Hassan — to facilitate easy disposal of the other linked files. This is now rembd with them. hm 7/9/10

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(17) The report shows that 11 boys in addition to the 13 mentioned in Sl 1 were also induced under false hopes by Kuruvankada Anche' Bore' Gowda and Baladare' Anche' Bore' Gowda and their sons Kelupa and Ninga to leave their homes and go to Ceylon. Of these, Sivanaiya, Thammiah, Rama, Siva, Thimma and Putta — 6 in all — have since returned. It will be also seen from the Vernacular file that all these boys had been taken to the Ceylon Emigration Agency Office in Bangalore and then despatched to Ceylon via Jalarpet, Erode, Trichinopoly (there is an Agency Office at this place) Tuticorin & Colombo. In respect of the ages of the 13 boys mentioned in Sl 1 slight differences are observable (Vide list 2 Encl 5(b)) The more important points to be found in the Vernacular file are noted briefly in the abstract put up x Encl for orders

x H. S.

where is file 94 '8 of 08. Please put it up

DR 12/11/10

VS. 12-11-10

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File. Gm. 94-08-09 is linked

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1. Information on the points noted in the Resident's letter, pending reply, has now been furnished by the Dt Court.

2. As regards the legal point, viz; What provision of law has been contravened in the present case, it will be observed that the majority of the persons who have been taken from their homes are young boys and that they have been taken without the consent of their guardians. ~~As regards the others also as boys~~ In their case the offence of Kidnapping under Sees 360 & 361 I.P.C. may be said to have been committed. The same may be said in the case of the others, if it could be proved, in any case instance, that the persons were taken away without their consent; otherwise no existing law could be said to have been contravened

3. Branch III may perhaps be consulted before sending the reply due to the Residency.

4. Secretary)

Please consult Br III & put up a draft

16/11/10

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To Branch III for favour of a note on the legal point raised in para 2 of the Resident's letter of 17th August 1910.

(23)

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19.11.10

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SW
11-11-10

(24) Presuming (as there is no reason to doubt) that the main story as related by some of the boys is true, the local agents of the Ceylon Labour Commission viz the two Bori Goodas (with their Sons), are undoubtedly guilty of cheating under Sec 417 of the Indian Penal Code in respect of every boy or adult that was misled by their representations in respect of the 60 boys who are under 14 years age, they are also guilty of the offence of kidnapping (Secs 361 & 363 I.P.C.)

(not 16)

(25) I have spoken of the two Bori Goodas as the local agents of the Ceylon Labour Commission because though they are not specifically

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described as such in the papers before me, there is little doubt that they are in the employ of the Labour Commission. I am informed that Kempa took the boys in question to Trichinopoly and subsequently visited them also on the plantations in Ceylon. These persons committed the offences within Mysore limits and are also subjects of His Highness the Maharaja and they may therefore be proceeded against at once here. If any of them are at present outside Mysore they can be got at by means of extradition proceedings as both the offences committed by them are included in the Schedule to the Extradition Act.

(26) The Bangalore Agent of the Labour Commission (known as the "enlister" of the gang) seems also to have conspired with Kempa and his father to induce, by holding out false hopes, the ignorant village folk to emigrate to Ceylon. He is known to have visited

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the villages in Chamarajapatna Taluq with Kempa on more than one occasion in Connection with the work of Enlisting Coolies for his Agency. He is also known to have "Persuaded" the boys in question in the Bangalore Office and arranged for their further journey to Madras by Trichinopoly. The Enquiry so far Conducted does not seem to have been full or adequate but there is little doubt that the acts of the Bangalore Office has knowingly abetted the Kidnapping of the boys. The Residency may therefore be informed with reference to para 2 of their letter under reply that the Police enquiries Conducted under the orders of the Durbar disclose the fact that offences under Secs 417, 361 & 363 of the I.P.C. have been committed in Connection with the Enlisting for work in Ceylon of the boys in question.

This in the case of boys below 14 years of age

28/4/10. S.M.

(P. S. It is worthy of Consideration

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whether Criminal proceedings should be instituted without delay against the ~~Accused~~ offender now disclosed

28/11/10 SH

To Br V

(27)

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D.R. Please put up a draft (by letter to Residency) embodying the information received from the Dy Comr, and indicating the legal aspect on the above lines. ~~indicate release~~

28/11/10

(28) A ~~off~~ reply is put up as directed. A refee to entries 5 and 24 of list I (encl. to fl 6) and statts 5 and 24 of the Vernacular file read with fl 6 shows that one and the same person is referred to in both the cases, thus making the total of list I to be 23 again. No 20 in list I is Ninga whereas from statt 26 of the Vern file it will be seen that the missing person is Lakka The ages given in the statt put up with the

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An extract of an article (re: action taken against an Emigration Agent) not observed in the H.C. Weekly of 29-3-11 sent up (K.T.)

the Dfs are those based on the statts of the parents and differ in some cases from the ages as given by the Shanbhogues

DR 10.4 2.12.10 (Secretary) VS. 41 hm 8/12/10

(29) Before addressing the Resr for enquiry being made in Ceylon it is desirable to verify from the Registers in the Agency office in Bangalore whether the minor boys in question were brought before the agency & sent from here. Please write to the Dt Magte Bangalore to have the enquiry made by the City magte & other magte who may visit the agency office upto the 15th inst.

attended to DR VS

CBS 6/5/11

(30) Draft sent. hs 8/5/11 hms

(31) Done hm 10/5/11

14 Do D.C. Bangalore. No. C. 6619 Dy 16. 5. 11

Forwards a list of minor boys of the Chennarayapatna Tk alleged to have been recruited for work in Ceylon

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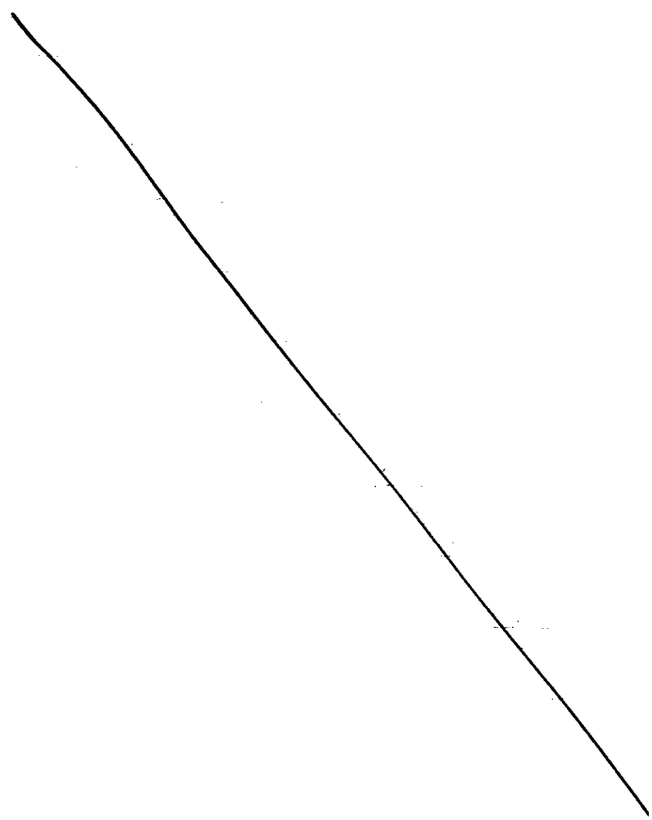
and states that it is elicited from the statements of some of the boys who are reported to have once returned from Ceylon that all the boys had been taken to the Office of the Ceylon Immigration Agency at Bangalore where their thumb impressions were taken before they were despatched to Ceylon & requests him to arrange for the A.S. or other Magistrate visiting the Agency Office and verifying whether the main boys in question were brought before the Agency & sent from there & to furnish the information



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(32) I believe a letter was sent to the Revd about 2 boys from the Chemara-patna taluk(?) sent to Ceylon by the Labour Commission people. Have reply been recd.? ~~If not the Dewan wants reminder to be sent~~

Please set file from Secl. if you don't remember the case- 29.5.11

(33) Mr C.S. Doraswamy Iyer & Mr Varadachar appeared before the Dewan in this case.

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(34) Please pres the Depr Cur w/ Bangalore for an early reply

To the Superintendent Branch V for kind compliance-

(st issued Vide next page)

Dft- dated 28-6-11 (35) Issued 29/6/44

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16 From the Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore Dt no. 522 Dt 10-6-1911 With reference to Sl 14 furnishes information about alleged immigration of some minor boys to Ceylon

Submitted

VS 41
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(36) The City Magistrate's inquiry has confirms the remarks in the case of 19 out of the 23 men ~~named~~ included in the statement The facts contained in the draft letter to Dewan are therefore materially correct

Secretary)

Asst
2.7.11

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Clerk to bring up in file

A reminder since received from the Resy is put up.
18/7/11 L. R.B.

(37) The draft as revised & rewritten may be approved

Dewan)

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28/7/11

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29.7.11

(38) Vide additions made to the draft under the Dewan's orders

GM
31.7.11

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Submitted to His Highness.

approved I submit for approval the draft of a letter proposed to be addressed to the Residency on the subject of recruitment of coolies from the Mysore State by the Ceylon Immigration Agency.

2. The letter explains the facts of the case and speaks for itself.

3. The question of prosecuting the local agents will be considered in the Judicial Department.

4. Steps are afoot for undertaking legislation on the subject.

1 Aug

Fm 53-10

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1.8.11
2244.

Subject.

Draft letter proposed to be addressed to the Residency on the subject of recruitment of coolies from the Mysore State by the Ceylon Immigration Agency.

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Order.

~~KRM~~
4/8/11

(40)

Dewan's order
Resy
7/8/11

(41) 1) Issue at once

2) Putup a Dr. to D.C Hassan re prosecution of Boregowda & on lines somewhat similar to the D.O recently addressed to the D.C Chitaldrug.

CNg
7/8/11

(42) Please ~~send~~ put up a copy of this letter in the file about Emigration legislation. It ~~would have~~ may suggest some revisions of the draft I have made.

8/8/11

attended to 8/8/11

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18	To the A. Resident. No Pol 158 D 12. 8. 11.

With refce to sl 4, furnishes the result of the enquiries made, and regrets that in view of the facts therein elicited, the Honble the Resident may be moved to address the Ceylon Govt to arrange for the remaining persons in Ceylon being sent back to their villages at an early date unless they explicitly express a willingness to stay on in Ceylon.

(49) A ref to DO. to the Dy. Commr of the Hassan Distt is subd

DR(104) 12.8.11

RM 12.8.11

Secy

(48) Issue

M 12/8/11

Issued. Q. 964. D. 12. 8. 11.

For Extract from the Madras Mail of 8.9.11 is put up as per Secretary's Orders.	19	To D.C. Hassan. No. C 964 D 12. 8. 11. DO. With refce to sl 6, enquires whether Anche Bore Gowda of Kurwanka and Bore Gowda of Baladare and their sons Kempa & Ranga and also the writer of the Agency Office, B'lore may not be proceeded against legally, the Public Prosecutor being consulted if necessary
20/11-9 Gen	21	DO. letter dated the 29th Oct 1911 from the Deputy Commr Hassan Distt furnishing a copy of the Public Prosecutor's letter on

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the point of instituting legal proceedings in the matter, together with the Police Supdt's statt of the case and his own opinion

(45) Subd for orders. [Attention is invited to para 5 of the P. Prosecutor's letter]
SOL (Cont)
2.11.11

V.S. 41

(46) In the circumstances narrated in the Dr Court's letter, the expediency of launching prosecutions in this case appears doubtful. The object of introducing legislation to regulate emigration is, it is believed, proceeding apace; and, so far as the present case is concerned, the Residency has been addressed to move the Ceylon govt to take some action to enable the Mysore coolies unwillingly kept on in Ceylon to return to this country. The question of prosecution may perhaps therefore be dropped.

Secretary)

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3.11.11

3.11.11

(47) Lapse
Shows
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Letter

Vide next page also

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17.11.11.

Keep

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Q. Sn File No. 53 of 1910-11

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22	Letter No 6701 dated the 7th Novr 1911 from the First Assistant Resident With refce to this office No Pol 15 & 7 12-8-11 states that the Govt of India, to whose notice the matter was brought and who have invited the attention of the Ceylon Govt to the case of the alleged deceitful recruitment in question, have pointed out that this is hardly a matter with which the Colonial Govt can be considered to be directly concerned and suggests that, if the Durbar are not satisfied with the conditions on which recruitment for Ceylon is conducted in the State, it is open to the Durbar to introduce such restrictions on recruitment as may be considered necessary. The previous papers (on the subject are before the Dewan this will, if appd, be also subd in continuation.

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14209 ns 3/11/11

Subd on 2.11.11

(49)

GRS

DR(Cor) VS. 41
9-11-11 Secy)

(50) Subs to Secy

10.11.11

To SR. III for taking copy of (X) & return

Copy taken

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Routine Notes.

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Copy of Residency
letter no: 6701 dt 7-11-1911.
Communicating the opinion
of the Govt of India regarding
the emigration of coolies
from the Negpore State
to the plantations in Ceylon,
Submitted to the Dewan

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9.11.11

Bhavaindaundkar
Registrar.

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GPB—30,000—23-2-11

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit for information copy of Residency letter dated 7th November 1911 communicating the views of the Government of India on the subject of placing restrictions on the recruitment of coolies from the Mysore State for plantations in Ceylon.

2. Legislative measure proposed for Mysore, ~~and~~ the introduction of which has been approved by His Highness, has been forwarded to the Residency in due course.

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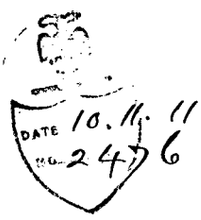
Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja

Subject.

Copy of Residency letter of 7th November 1911 communicating the views of the Government of India regarding the placing of restrictions on the recruitment of coolies from the Mysore State.



Order.

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13/11/14

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Routine Notes.

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Copy of Residency
letter No: 2443 dt 26-4-12
forwarding copy of letter
from the Colonial Secy
to the Govt of Ceylon
regarding the alleged
improper recruitment
of certain coolies from the
Mysore State for work
on Ceylon Estates, is
submitted to the Dewan
Pesh

Seen
Letter
4 May 12

R Ramaiyangar

Registrar
G.R.S.

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Routine Notes.

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2.5.12

Copy of Residency
letter No: 2502 Dt 30-4-1912
forwarding copy of further
letter from the Colonial
Secretary, Colombo, regarding
the return to the Mysore
State of certain coolies
recruited for work in Ceylon,
is submitted to the Dewan

Bhandaracar

Registrar
G-R-S

See the
file with the
previous letter

5 May 12

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24	Letter No. 2443 dated the 26th April 1912 from the J. A. Resident — Forwards in continuation of para 2 of M 22 a copy of letter No. 02349 dated the 11th March 1912 (with enclosures) from the Colonial Secretary to the Govt of Ceylon to the address of the Secretary to the Govt of India, Deptt of Commerce & Industry reporting the result of the enquiry held into the case regarding the alleged improper recruitment of certain coolies
25	Letter No. 2502 dated the 30th April 1912 from the same officer forwarding in continuation a copy of a further letter No. 4554 dated the 20th March 1912 from the Colonial Secretary Colombo to the address of the Secretary to the Govt of India regarding the return to the Mysore State of certain coolies recruited for work in Ceylon

(54) Submitted for information

SOA (WC) 2.5.12 — Secretary

2/5/12

(55) Put up a draft D.O. Ltr returning the papers enclosed with Serial 24 & asking them to convey to the Ceylon Govt the acknowledgement & thanks of this

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Durbar for their courtesy in making the enquiries &c -

(56) Then examine the report in detail & see how far the allegations made in the petitions have been substantiated - This may be done by abstracting the points in a tabular form. CSB 7/5/12 hm

DR

(57) Draft is accordingly put up

DR (Lord) VS. 141 Secy 7.5.12 hm 8/5/12.

12.51 12-5-12

(58) Dewa

CSB 8/5/12 hm

(59) Draft approved by Dewan 14.5.12

(60) Issue.

CSB 18/5/12 hm

26 Letter No. Pol. 979 dated the 22nd May 1912 to the First Asst Resident

Requests that the thanks of the Durbar may be communicated to the Ceylon Govt for their courtesy in enquiring into the matter and making arrangements which facilitated the return of some of the coolies in question

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(61) Of the 23 coolies referred to in fl 18, the enclosures to the Colonial Secy's letter read with fl 24 show that 8 have 'bolted' and their whereabouts cannot be traced, 2 have died, 9 have come back from Ceylon and the rest are working on the plantations and have also signified their intention to stay on there. The details given in the record of enquiry sent by the Govt Agent Ceylon (Encls. to fl 24) are not very helpful in examining the various allegations made in the petitions to the Durbar. The accounts of the treatment (they were subjected to) given by the coolies differ from one another in some important respects — one cooly says 'I have not been beaten myself and I never saw any other of our coolies beaten', while another deposes 'I was assaulted once by my Kangany. He gave me four or five blows with his hand on the back'. While several of the coolies have stated 'I have no complaints to make', two of them have deposed 'I never had to work so hard' & 'We get only Rs 2 and Rs 3 at the end of a month after the price of our rice is deducted'

(62) From the above statements and

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from the records of enquiry held by the Durbar Officers it is however clear that the persons who actually recruited coolies are more to blame than the Officers of the Labour Commission. These Kanganies enticed the coolies to go to Ceylon by misrepresentations as to easy and light work and very good prospects of earning large sums of money. In some cases the anxiety of the coolies to return home seems to be due more on account of their being 'home-sick' than to any other cause

(63) As more than two years have elapsed since the recruitment of the coolies in question and as Govt have under consideration the passing of a Regulation to restrict Emigration from out of Mysore, it is a point for orders whether this correspondence may not be closed now

SOR(104) VS 4.1
24.9.12

I think this may be done.

(fees.)

The office has taken 4 months to put up this abstract. This is unsatisfactory. 26/9/12

2. Or. What Stage does his Emigration bill stand now. Please ascertain from Branch iii & note

To Br III. 28/9/12

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RA 30/9/12

Br 14

Have this file
for reference when
the Transportation
Bill comes before
the Leg. Council

P.T.O.

noted
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The Emigration Bill was introduced into the Legs council and referred to a Select Committee the Select committee have given their report on the Bill ~~with certain~~. The report with there suggestion for altering the Bill will be taken up for consideration at the next Legislative council meeting. Copies of the Bill and the report of the Select committee thereon with the Bill as amended by them are herewith put up for information

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Extract of a paragraph from the Kolar Gold Fields News of 29th March 1911. (as per Secretary's Orders.)

Kulur Ramasaamy, a licensed Emigration Agent at Trichinopoly, who had Kidnapped three boys at Musiri with a view to sending them to Ceylon, was put on his trial last Wednesday before Mr. Bowring, who convicted and sentenced him to six months rigorous imprisonment. This is the first instance of a recruiting agent having got his deserts and it is hoped the punishment will have a deterrent effect on others who now and again visit the field in search of labour for foreign markets

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Extract from the Madras Mail
dated 8th Sept 1911

Labour Recruiting.

The *Times of Ceylon.*—The full report of the proceedings of the Planters' Conference at Bangalore do not disclose any evidence of iniquitous conduct on the part of our Labour Agency such as we had been led to expect by the wording of the resolutions passed. What is very evident throughout the Report is that the South Indian planters are labouring under a feeling of considerable irritation induced by the keen competition for labour from which they are sufferers, and disappointment at finding that the Madras Government are not disposed to give them preferential treatment, or to prohibit altogether the emigration of coolies to Ceylon and Malaya. Considering that the Indian planters themselves have not been able in the past, nor would they be able even at present, to give work, food, and shelter to the thousands of people living around them, who have always in times of famine flocked to Ceylon, this disinclination on the part of the Madras Government does not strike an outsider as extremely surprising. As we anticipated when we dealt with the matter the other day, the allegations of crimping are really made against the professional recruiters. The object of the Ceylon Agency is to act as bankers for the estates, kanganies, and coolies; to see that the coolies brought in by kanganies are put on the right way to reach the estate, and to advertise Ceylon in the villages. The Agency does no recruiting whatever, and cannot possibly be held responsible for the methods employed by recruiters, who may or may not be employed by particular estates and who are in no way under the control of the Agency. If anyone is responsible at all it is the Ceylon planters individually, who are obviously less guilty in the matter than the South Indian planters, for the latter are on the spot and ought to be able to prevent their recruiters crimping from their fellow-managers' estates, as it is alleged they do. In the matter of establishing Agencies in Mysore, we are sure that the Ceylon Labour Agency will be anxious to avoid offence to Indian planters as far as possible, though it is a somewhat curious manner to ask for favours while bringing unfounded charges against the Agency in the same breath. The establishment of these depots is perfectly legitimate, and whether the Ceylon planting authorities will find it consistent with the interests of those concerned on this side to close any or all of them is very doubtful. The South Indian planters have apparently not done anything themselves in the way of advertising their estates and providing facilities for recruiting, and they should not be jealous of the success of people who are more enterprising. The fact is that jealousy and ill-feeling were a good deal more evident in the proceedings than any genuine grievance against Ceylon.

Force men into Shipping Yard.

Important points gathered from the Records of Enquiry relating to the emigration to Ceylon of certain persons from the Channarayapatna Taluk.

(1) Statement (21.8.16) of Hosamane' Dyave'gowda of Baladare' village, father of Sivaraja (No 1 of List I)

Four or five months subsequent to Ugadi, three boys of our village, Viz, Basava aged 20 years, son of Sone' Gowda, Neiga aged 15 years, son of Subari Gowda, and my son Sivaraja aged 14 years, disappeared (suddenly).

Anche' Bore' Gowda of Kuruvanka and Anche' Bore' Gowda of Baladare' said in the presence of Javare' Gowda, Patel of the village, that Sivaraja went to Madras along with their sons Kempa and Neiga and were earning Rs 15/- a month each. Twenty days after his disappearance I got his letter from Ratnapuri, in which he described the difficulties he was undergoing there. This letter has been submitted to Govt along with our petition. After the receipt of my son's letter Javare' Gowda, the Patel of our village, convened a meeting of panchayet (consisting of the people of Vagarahalli, Hirahalli and Baladare') at which it was decided that Baladare' Anche' Bore' Gowda should get back the missing boys within 15 days. After this, Kuruvankada Anche' Bore' Gowda and Anche' Bore' Gowda of Baladare' took Sone' Gowda, Anche' Nanje' Gowda and Valeka Venkataramane' Gowda and myself to the Ceylo

Emigration Agency Office in the Bangalore City.

Anche' Bore' Gowda of Kuruvanka told the writer in the Office there that all of us were troubling him to get back our sons, on which the writer asked Bore' Gowda to write to his son Hampa (a mestri in Ceylon), adding that Hampa would be able to send back the boys in question. Then Bore' Gowda wrote a registered letter to his son and gave it to our hands for posting. The postal receipt for it is attached to our petition to Govt.

(2) Statement (21.8.10) of Sone' Gowda of Baladare', father of Basava (No. 2 of list I)

My son Basava of 20 years disappeared 4 or months ago. Nenga, son of Anche' Bore' Gowda (of Baladare') told me, after his return from Ceylon, that my son also was there.

(The rest is the same as Statt. I.)

(3) Statement (21.8.10) of Anche Nanje' Gowda of Vagarahalli or Valagarahalli, father of Eyava (No. 3 of list I)

Four or five months ago my son Eyava of 14 years, Sanna Nanja's son Kala of 16 years, Marigowda's son Siva of 14 years and Benniganahalli Kala's son Siva of 35 years disappeared. The Patel has been informed of this but not the Police. Three months after their disappearance I came to know from Sivananja's letter to his father that my son was in Ceylon.

(The rest is the same as statement I.)

(4) Statement (21.8.10) of Venkataramane' Gowda of Adagur village, father of Hala (No. 4 of list I).

my son Hala of 14 years disappeared four or five months back. I did not inform the Police or the Patel. About 4 5 days after his disappearance I learnt from Siva Nanja's letter to his father that my son was in Ratnapuri Ceylon. Anche' Pore' Gowda of Kurubanka ~~caste~~ case took me, Hotamane' Dyave' Gowda, Sone' Gowda, Anche' Nanje' Gowda of Vagarahalli and Chennaveeriah of Bagur to the Agency Office Bangalore City.

(The rest is the same as statement I)

(5) Statement (dated 22.8.10) of Eera of Bagur, father of Putta (No. 5 of list I).

my ~~son~~ ~~Putta~~ Putta of 18 years disappeared eight days before the Yugadi feast. Neither the Patel nor the Police were informed of it. There were some jewels on his body. Two months afterwards Putta wrote to my brother Chennaveeriah, from which I came to know that my son was in Ceylon Chennaveeriah has subd this letter to Govt, along with his petition. Putta came back 15 days ago. 9 days afterwards, Badava another son of mine disappeared and I do not know his whereabouts

(6) Statement (21.8.10) of Dyave' Gowda, son of Mari Gowda of Vagarahalli, brother of Siva (No. 6 of list I)

my brother Siva of 14 years disappeared

about five months subsequent to Ugadi

Three more boys are also missing. I learnt from Swamiji's letter to his father that my brother was in Ratnapuri

(7) Statement (22.8.1910) of Oryave' Gowda (son of Samna Nanje' Gowda of Valagarahalli) brother of Kala (No. 7 of list I)

I have no father my brother Kala of 18 years disappeared before Ugadi From the letter of Hosamane' Oryave' Gowda's son I learnt that my brother went away with the sons of the two Bore' Gowdas There were some jewels on my brother's body.

(8) Statement (22.8.1910) of Thammiah, (18 years) (son of Honiga or Thirumal Gowda of Bagesh village) (No. 8 of list I)

Kuruvankada Anche' Bore' Gowda and his son induced 13 boys to leave their villages and go with him. I refused to go in the first instance. 15 days after this, Bore' Gowda and his son Kempa again came to the village and persuaded me to go. We went to Tiptur and then to Bangalore. Thimmaraya's Thimma, Sivai (son of Bommasetti) and 9 persons of other village were also with me. We went to the Agency Office in Bangalore, where our thumb impressions were taken and the names of our parents noted. The jewels on our bodies were handed over to Kuruvankada Anche' Bore' Gowda who went back to this place, saying that he would deliver the said jewels to our parents. His son Kempa accompanied us in the train as far as Trichinopoly, where he left us on the pretence of going to Petta on some business and disappeared. We stayed there for seven days, after which we

we were taken to Ramapure.

For working on the plantations there, we were given 3/4 of a seer of rice per day and were paid 8 as for two months. When we expressed a desire to leave the place, Kempa (who came there after our arrival) said that each of us had to discharge a debt of Rs 50 When we persisted in our desire to leave the place he took us to the gardeners and got us beaten 8 days after this incident, we stealthily escaped — Rama, Puttadasa, Thimma, another Thimma, Bommasetti's son Siva, and went to another garden. 8 days afterwards we reached Colombo, arriving in our village a month and days afterwards It is 15 days since we came here

(9) Statement (22.8.10) of Puttasamy of Bagur, father of Rama (No 9 of list I)

My son Rama of 15 years disappeared before Ugadi. He returned about 15 days ago after a lapse of four months. He states that the jewels on his body were handed over to Anche' Bore' Gowda of Kuruvanka. The Patel effected a Compromise between the two I donot Know to what decision they came, as I was not in town.

(10) Statement (22.8.10) of Siva, son of Bagur Bommasetti (No. 10 of list I) 19 years

There are two sons and a daughter to my father. My brother is not alive. Kuruvankada Anche' Bore' Gowda and his son Kempa induced me to leave the place saying that one can earn at the rate of 8 as a day by working in Madras. Thammiah.

son of Konaga Gowda, Thimma and several others (12 in all) left the place to Bangalore via Hurivanka and Tiptur. We stayed for a day in the Agency office ~~there~~ where our thumb impressions were taken. Hurivankada Anche' Bore' Gowda received all our jewels and left us. His son Kempa accompanied us via to Trichinopoly via Jalarpet, where he disappeared under false pretences. We were then taken to Tuticorin, Colombo and Seetala, wherefrom a mestri took us to the Ratnapuri plantation. We worked there for two months. I got 8 as for this period, besides being given ¾ seer of rice per day. Having collected about a week's rice, Puttaiya, Dasa & and I stealthily ~~as~~ escaped to Colombo where we earned at Rs 3-0-0 each. From Tuticorin we walked to our place in about a month and 8 days.

(11) Statement (22.8.40) of Bagur Thimmaraj's son Thimma (No 11 of list I) 16 years

I have no parents. I was in my maternal uncle's protection when Hurivankada Anche' Bore' Gowda induced some 12 of us to leave our place. Rest same as (10). Puttaiya, Rama, Dasa, Thammiah, Thimma, Sivaiya and I stealthily escaped from Colombo. We took a month and a half to reach our place from Tuticorin.

(12) Statement (23.8.40) of Sappiganahalli Basave' Gowda's son Naga, ~~brother of~~ brother of Ranga (No 12 of list I).

My brother Ranga of 18 years disappeared a few days after Ugadi. The Patel was

was informed of it. × × ×.

× × I eventually got information ~~xxx~~ that he ~~xxx~~ went away with Siva of Bagur

(13) Statement (22.8.12) of Subbari Gowda (or Bore' Gowda) of Baladare' village, father of Nanga (No. 13 of List I).

My son Nanga of 16 years disappeared before Ugadi From the letter of Hosamane' Dyave' Gowda's son received two or ~~two~~ three months after his ~~xxx~~ disappearance I learnt ~~that~~ my son was somewhere beyond Madras The two Bore' Gowdas and their sons induced my son to go away.

(Reference to Panchayet as in Statt 1)

(14) Statement (23.8.10) of Nanjai of Karimaranahalli village, sister of Thimma (No 14 of List I).

My brother Thimma of 6 years disappeared before Ugadi I learnt from Dasa Siviah of Bagur on his return that he and my brother ~~that~~ were induced to go away by K. Anche' Bore' Gowda and his son He has not yet returned. There were jewels on his body

(15) Statement (23.8.10) of Sanji (Nanjig Gowda's wife of Karemaranahalli, ~~xxx~~ mother of Thimma (No 15 of List I)

My son Thimma of 2½ years and one Thimma disappeared before Yugadi. I learnt that he had gone out of India He has not yet come back

(16) Statement (23.8.10) of Lakke Gowda of Devigere' Village father of Sanna alias Dodda Nainga (No. 16 of list I)

my son Dodda Nainga of 30 years disappeared before Ugadi I came to learn from Bagur Rama, on his return, that K. Anche' Bore' Gowda's son induced them to go to Ceylon. He has not yet returned.

(17) Statement (23.8.10) of Honabi (Wife of Nainge' Gowda of Devigere') mother of Sanna Nainga (No. 17 of list I).

my son Sanna Nainga of 20 years disappeared before Ugadi. I learnt that he went away with Bagur Siva and Dasa to Ceylon and that he is still there

(18) Statement (23.8.10) of Putta of Devigere' Village father of Kunta (No. 18 of list I)

my son Kunta of 18 years disappeared a month ago, subsequent to Ugadi. Bagur Siva told me that they went together to Ceylon. my son has not yet come back

(19) Statement (23.8.10) of Lakshmi of Bagur Hobli

my husband Nainga of 28 years

disappeared subsequent to Ugadi
(Rest same as (8).

(20) Statement (22.8.10) of Thimmi of Bagur Hobli, mother of Lakka (№-20)

my son Lakka of 22 years disappeared four or five months ago. I learn that he has gone away with the people Bagur He has not come back

(21) Statement (22.8.10) of Belur Mestri (of Bagur village) father of Channa (2

my son Channa of 20 years disappeared five months ago. Rama and Putta of Bagur told me, after their return, that my son is in Ceylon

(22) Statement of Channa of Bagur Hobli Kurubarakada village.

K. Anche' Bore' Gowda's induced my son in law Bora (son of Sejave Gowda) of Ramanahalli to go away just before Ugadi

(23) Statement (21.8.10) of Kala (of Valagara Hobli) father of Siva (№ 23 of list I).

my son Siva of 35 years and K. Anche' Bore' Gowda's son Kempa were thinking of going to Madras just after Ugadi Subsequently my son Siva went away without my knowledge.

From the letter of Hosamane Dyave Gowda's son, received four months after Siva's disappearance I learnt that my son had gone to Ratnapuri (Ceylon)

(24) Statement (22.8.60) of Putta of 18 years son of Lera of Bagur Hobli

H. Anche' Bore' Gowda and his son Rampa induced me just before Ugadi to leave my place, saying that a lucrative place can be had in Madras. Rama, Putta, Thimma and myself from our village Sivanna and Malanja of Vagarahalli, Dyava, Basaraghattada Nanjanna, Chenna of Karemaranahalli, Thimma, Sanna Nanja of Devigere', Chenna of Maruvanahalli and Basavanna of Bolalare'. We were taken to the Agency Office in Bangalore, where our thumb impressions were taken and our parents names noted. I handed over to H. Anche' Bore' Gowda the jewels that were on my body. He left us in Bangalore, asking us to go with his son to Jalarpet. From there we went to Erode, Trichinopoly (where we halted for 7 days), Tuticorin + Colombo, where some of us were vaccinated. We then went to Seetala, whence a mestri took us to Ratnapuri. We got 8 as for two months and 3/4 of a seer of rice. (Refer to statement) Seven of us escaped to Colombo, earned at Rs 3-0-0 each and went to Tuticorin where Dodda Thimma's son Thimma stopped; the rest of us reached our village one month and eight days afterwards. I wrote to my uncle Chennaveeriah from

The party consisted of the following:-

from Mukkutti Tota (Ratnapuri) explaining my difficulties.

(25) Statement (22.8.60) of Rama of 16 years (Negative) son of Puttasami of Bagur

Putta, Dasa, Thimma and myself went to Tipter with K. Anche 'Bore' Gowda and his son, having been misled by their false promises From there we went to Bangalore accompanied by our village people Kempa and Bora In the Agency at Bangalore our parents names were noted and our thumb impressions taken I handed over my jewels to Bore' Gowda. His son Kempa travelled with us as far as Jalarpet. We went thence to Erode and Trichinopoly, where we stayed 7 days in the Agency office. Tuticorin Colombo, where our heights and identification marks were noted With a writer we went to Seetala and Ratnapuri & worked there for 2 months, after which period Siva, Thammiah, Thimma son of Thimmaraji Gowda and 7 others joined us there × × × Thimma stopped in Colombo

In all 13 of us went to Ceylon. Boladare' Sivananja or Sivanna, Nuga, Basava, Darisighatta Nuganna, Vagarahalli Kala, Dyava, Kareemaranahalli Chenna, maruvanahalli Balagai Chenna, Devigere' Sanna Nuga, Bestara Dodda Thimma's son Thimma, Putta, Sravanabelagolada Dasa

(26) Statement (22-8-60) of Boladare' Anche' Bore' Gowda

I have two sons Nuga and Kala Nuga was an employee of the Post Office

and gave up service about 5 months back owing to the influence of Kuruvankada Anche' Bore' Gowda & son these two were residing in my house just before the disappearance of my son, who went away without my knowledge in the company of Sivaranja, Nuiga and Basava. A few days before the disappearance of our village boys, I had gone to Kuruvanka where I saw the writer who had come there with Kempa. He induced me to send my son Nuiga, saying that he would get Rs 15/- a month.

(Reference is made here to the meeting of panchayets mentioned in Statt I).

I went to Bangalore with my son and the writer, when our village boys were taken there. I came back after they left Bangalore

(27) Statement (22.8.10) of Kuruvankada Anche' Bore' Gowda.

I have three sons My son Kempa, who is out of employment, has not been with me for the last two years He had come here subsequent to Ugadi for about a month He said that he was in Madras. A writer was in his company, who said that he was in search of coolies and that they could earn at the rate of 6 or 7 annas a day. Bora of this place, a pariah, and T. of Bagur went away. I too was asked to accompany them and I

I did so In the Agency Office at Bangalore we remained that night — this was the first time that the writer came to us — He told me that my son had taken up an appointment of Rs 10 or Rs 15/- I came back, after being paid Rs 2/- for railway expenses by the writer The coolies and others (about ten in number) left — Bangalore by train, saying they would go to Madras I remained at Yāgahalli for 15 days and then went to my village; and learnt that Kempa and the writer had been to my place in the meantime and taken away some coolies There were ten coolies when I went to Bangalore along with Kempa. These did not give me their jewels. On my return I told the parents of their sons departure &c. I was neither a mestri nor a contractor of the Agency Office my son Kempa was recruiting coolies. Konige's son Thammiah, Ponnasetti's son Siva, Thimmarajis son Thimma, Eda's son Putta Puttasami's son Rama returned about 8 days ago They did not ask me for jewels on their return

(28) Statement (22.8.10) of Bette Gowda, Patel of Kuruvanka.

Chennamma's son in law Bora was, before Ugadi, induced to leave the station by Kempa who promised him

a decent situation in Madras. A writer had accompanied Kempa and they stayed in the latter's father's house. They remained in our place once for for 8 days and at another time for 15 days. He was telling all the village people that there was no great trouble for coolies in the garden in Madras the boys of neighbouring villages were coming to this village when the writer was here. B. A. Bore' Gowda's son Naiga also had come here.

of Javare' Gowda, Patel of Baladare'

Anche' Bore' Gowda's son Nanja, Some' Gowda's son Basava, Dubari Gowda's son Nanja & Hosahalle' Gowda's son Siva Nanja of this village disappeared. K.A.B.G, B.A.B's and their sons had come here in search of coolies before Ugadi ~~[illegible]~~ K.A.B.G showed me a printed paper, saying that coolies could earn ~~[illegible]~~ from 8 as to Re 1/- in Ceylon. Just a month and a half after this Somanja's son Basava disappeared, I came to learn Some' Gowda did not make any complaint (to me) As K.A.B.G's son remained in the village for 8 days, I thought Some' Gowda knew this ~~[illegible]~~ & kept quiet without telling him anything. A month after this, Dubari Gowda's son Nanja and Hosahalle' Gowda's son Siva Nanja seem to have disappeared. The parents informed me of this & kept quiet (15 days after this K.A.B.G. had come to the village) Panchayet ~~and~~ meeting &c.

The boys of this village and Kalagarahalli have not yet come back

S.T.C. No. 30 (1)

of Nasti Gowda, ~~[illegible]~~

Ex-Patel of Bagur Agrahara

(for 8 or 10 months)

Some 10 or 15 days back I learnt that several boys of this place had left this for a distant place and came back recently About 8 days back, Bommakelly's son Siva, Balagulada Data, Puttatamis son Rama, Hongis son Thammaiya + Eras son Putta came near my house and complained that K.A.B.G while getting them into the train (to Jabalpur) at Bangalore took all their jewels + that he denied all this subsequently &c

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Of Nanje Gowda, Patel of C. Kesba Hobli

Of Venkataramanaiya, Shanbhogue of Bagur Firka.

Thimmal Gowda's son Thammiah of 16 years

Bagur Eraiya's son Putta of 15 yrs (41), Bagur Puttasamappa's son Ramaiah of 17 yrs, Hallumalisi Kempanna's son Swamma of 19 years, and Bagur ~~Pu~~ Pujari Dodda Thimma's son Thimmaiya of 14 yrs have all come back to the station

Statement No. 41.

of Surnarnappa, Shanbogue of ~~Manchenahalli~~ Manchenahalli Firka.

Kalaiya son of Valekar Venkataramaiya of Adagur is 13 or 14 years old. He has not yet come.

Statement No. 42.

of Ramaswamiah, Shanbhogue of Kattaighatta da Firka

Baladare Hosamane Dyave Gowda's Sivanaiya is 15 years old & has come back.

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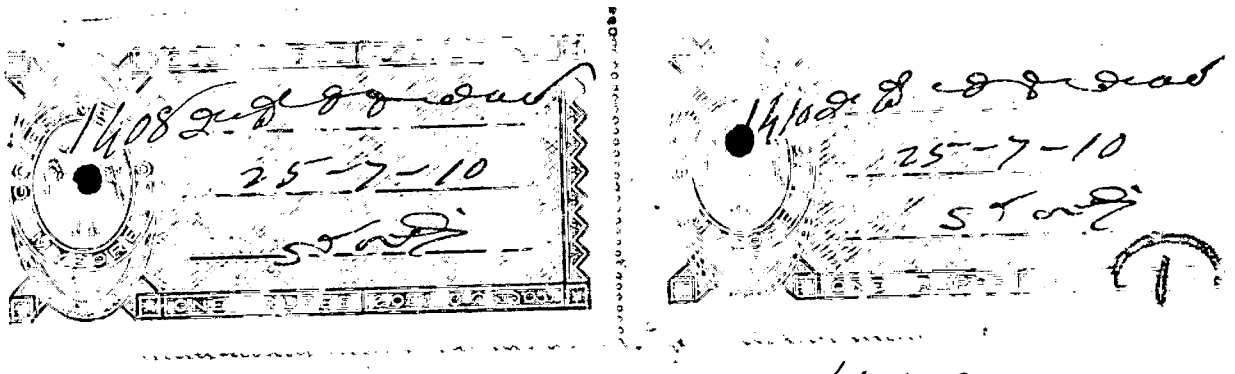

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The Government of His
Highness the Maharaja of
Mysore, at Bangalore.

G.M. 53-10-1

1. Hosamanê Dyâvê Gowda
2. Boladârê Sômê Gowda
Residents of Boladârê Village
Dandigânahalli Hobli, Chama-
-rayapatna Taluk
3. Anchê Kempe Gowda
resident of Vogarahalli
village, Dandiganahalli
Hobli, Chamarayapatna Ty
4. Vôlêkar Venkatramana Gowda
Resident of Adagur Village
Kasaba hobli, Chamarayapatna
Taluk
5. Channaveerayya Son
of Nannanna, Resident
of Bagur, Bagur Hobli
& the said Taluq.

} Petitioners

The petitioners above named most respectfully beg to State as follows:—

1. The petitioners are the residents of different but neighbouring villages in the Chamarayapatna Taluk, Hassan District

2. About 3 months ago one boy from the house of each of the petitioners above named together with 8 other boys belonging to different families of neighbouring villages disappeared from their respective homes and until about 15 or 20 days ago, the parents of these — Several boys had no clue whatever as to the Sudden and mysterious disappearance of their boys from home nor as to their present whereabouts.

(3)

3. About 20 days ago the 1st Petr. received a letter from his missing son Sinanaiya to the effect that he as well as his twelve other companions were induced to leave their respective homes by the false and grossly exaggerated representations that were made to them by one Boladarê Anchê Bôtê Gowda and his Son Ninga and also by Kuruvankada Anchê Bôtê Gowda and his Son Kempa.

4. The said false and extravagantly alluring inducements were to the effect that the said four people would help these several boys to find very lucrative situations for themselves if they consented to leave their homes and accompanying them to some place near about Madras.

the work that these boys had to do there consisted, according to the report given to them, of collecting the juice or milk from India rubber trees, for which they would they would be paid at not less than Rs 20/- per month

5. The above letter from Siva-ganja and also another letter from one puttia a minor son of the 5th petitioner describe in detail how these 13 boys were brought from their respective homes to Bangalore and there taken to the office of the Ceylon Immigration Commission, where their thumb impressions were taken thereafter they were despatched by rail to Trichinopoly, Katapadi and Jaffna and finally shipped off to Ceylon

6 From the said letters it is clear that all these boys

are

are undergoing enforced labour working as labourers in Adaraganga Muttiruvathi garden Rantnāgiri P.O. Ceylon and that their earnings per day in such a remote place come up to no more than 5 annas.

7. All the 13 missing boys are yet minors ranging in age between 12 & 18 years and there is no doubt whatever that they were decoyed from their homes and packed off to Ceylon by the false representations and malpractices of Boladāre Anchē Bōrē Gowda and his son Ninga and also of Kuruvankada Anchē Bōrē Gowda and his son Kempa, with the assistance of one Mātaswami Kangāni who appears to be an agent of the Ceylon Immigration Commission

8. As all the said 13 boys are minors, they are in law

incapable of entering into contractual relationship with others and as they were taken away from their homes and out of India without, their parents' knowledge and Consent through the agency of the Ceylon Immi-gration Commission, this is a matter which the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, in its executive Capacity, might well take Cognisance of to protect its Subjects from being the victims of undue hardship and misery in distant lands

9. The petitioners therefore most respectfully pray that the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore will be graciously pleased to take early steps to see that the missing boys are Sent back to their ~~but~~ home. Safe by the ~~Colpor~~ Ceylon Immigration

Commission and that in future greater protection is afforded to the Subjects of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore against the irresponsible acts of Some of the agents of the Ceylon Immigration Commission.

Prof. Varadachar to Peter 25/7/10

N. B.

The following letters received from Some of the missing boys are herewith filed

(1) A registered Cover addressed to Bagur Thimmanna c/o Kangani Imtasvami in the garden of Imkinvathi, Andaraganje Ratnapura P. O. Ceylon

(2) A postal Cover d: 21-5-10 addressed to Channaveeria of Bagur, Channarayapatna Taluk from Ratnapura

(3) Postal receipt d: 31-3-10 addressed to Imtasamy. Ratnapura Ceylon

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(4) An acknowledgment of Receipt D/: 7-4-10 addressed to Mataram Ratnajivi

(5) Sivanajinja's letter to his father.

(6) Dasa's letter to his father

(7) Sivanna's letter — do —

(8) Bore Gowda's reply to his Son

The names and addresses of of 8 other men whose Sons also are missing are given below As this is the ploughing and sowing Season, they Could not get away from their villages and have therefore sent as their representatives the five petitioners above named)

(1) Mari Gowda Son of Dod-Dyve Gowda

(2) Sanna Naije Gowda

Both are residents of Vagarahalli Village, Dandiganahalli Kolali Channarayanpatna Taluk. (3

(3) Shivunde Gowda resident of Channarayapatna.

(4) Puttusamappa son of Ramappa

(5) Kallumadige Kempamma

(6) Pujari Dod. Shivmanna

(7) The above persons 4 & 6 are the residents of Bagur Village, Bagur Hobli, Channaraya-patna Taluk

(7) Basave Gowda resident of Soppenahalli, Kasalia Hobli Channarayapatna Taluk

(8) Dibari Son of Iraru Gowda resident of Boladare Village Vandiganahalli Hobli of the above said Taluk

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The ~~xxx~~ names of the missing boys and their ages, with their fathers' names

1) Sivananje Gowda aged about 16 years son of Hosamane

Dyave Gowda above referred to

(2) Basava aged about 20 years
Son of Boladare Some Gowda
above named

(3) Dyave Gowda aged about 12 years
Son of Anche Nanje Gowda
above referred to

(4) Kahah aged about 13 years
Son of Valekar Venkatramana
Gowda above refd to

(5) Puttiah aged about 16 years
Son of Nonnanana Chann
-aveeria above refd to

(6) Sivappa aged about 16 yrs
Son of Dod-Dyave Gowdana
Inavi Gowda above refd to

(7) Kalia aged about 18 years
Son of Sanne Nanje Gowda
above referred to

(8) Thimma aged about 16
years son of the said
Thimmale Gowda

(9) Ramiah aged about 16 years
Son

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Son of Ramappana Puttusamappa
above refd to —

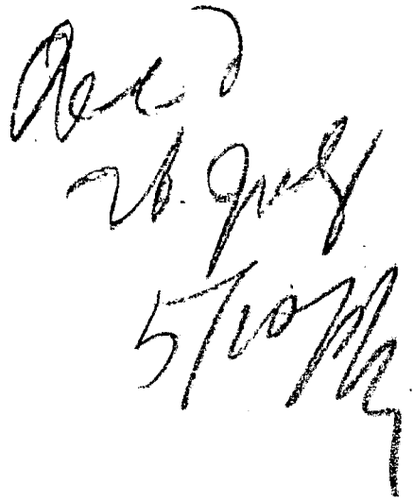
(10) Swamma aged about 16 years
Son of the above named
Kallumalige Kempamma

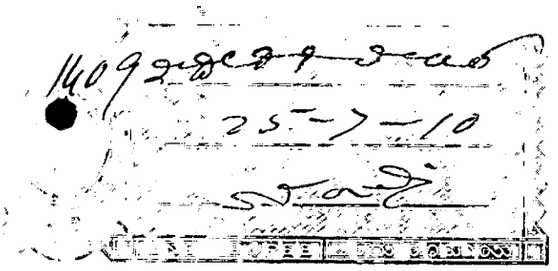
(11) Thimmia — aged about 14 yrs.
son of the above named
Pujari Dod Thimmamma.

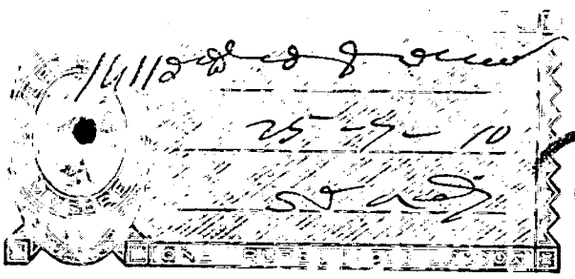
(12) Nanjah aged about 13 yrs.
Son of Basave Gowda Refd
to above

(13) Lingra aged about 16 yrs.
Son of the Said Ksarigowdana
Dubari

Bangalore
25.7.10.







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~~ಕಾಯಿ~~ ಪ್ರತಿವಾದಿ.

1. ಶ್ರೀಯುತ ಸಿ ವರದಾಚಾರ್
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3. ಆಂಜಿನೇಯಲು ನಾಯಕರ್
4. ಶ್ರೀಯುತ ಸಿ ವೆಂಕಟರಮಣಾಚಾರ್
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ಅರ್ಜಿದಾರರು

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M.V. Varadachar

Advocate

Advocate

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G.M. File No. 53 of 1910-11

Serial No. 2

Diary No. of letter replied to 2/8/10 2-35 pm 448

Pol. No. 137

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore

Date of issue 9-8-1910

Signed by Mr. S. Balasundaramayya Sir

* Return requested

I am directed to forward the accompanying petition dated the 25th July 1910 recd from Hosamane Doyave Gowda and four others residing in certain villages of the Channarayapatna Taluk complaining that 13 boys (all of them minors) were ~~forcibly~~ induced and under false hopes of getting lucrative situations taken away (about two months ago) from their homes and ultimately despatched to Ceylon for work in the plantations there &c

In whose interests

2) I am to request that the Hon'ble the Resident

Queries forwarded 6.8.10 [illegible]

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may be kindly moved to address the ~~Govt of Ceylon~~ Govt (Ceylon Labour Commission Authorities at Trincomalee) in the matter and request them to make enquiries into the truth or otherwise of the ~~petitioners~~ allegations made in the petition, and ~~communicate the result to the Durbar~~. I have &c.

Off'g Secy
29.7.10

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If the coys are running as alleged and are unwilling to remain where they are (as is also alleged to be the case) the Ceylon Govt will probably accept to arrange to have them sent back.

List of enclosures,

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Examined by

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

20/8/10 9-30 am

DRAFT ENDORSEMENT ON | File No. | Serial No.

No. G. 957/G.R. 53-10-3 Ex. 1

Dated——————, *the*——————*190*

Issued on the 13-8-10

~~Copy~~ Forwarded to the Dy. Comr Hassan dist for enquiry and report at an early date

By Order, etc.

Dfc) for 10/8/10 Offg Secy

List of papers forwarded.

Copy of a petition of the 25th July 1910 from Hosamane Gyavégowda and four others of certain villages in the Channarayapatna taluk regarding the sudden and mysterious disappearance of 13 boys of their villages and their ultimate despatch to Ceylon for work in the plantations there &c

Typed Fleet Branch 13/8/10.

No. 4946 '17 Pol 284.

D 17-8-1910

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FROM

MAJOR W. G. GREY, I. A.,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

G. M 53-10-4

Dated Bangalore, 17th August 1910.

Vide
17.8.10

SIR,

With reference to Mr. Balasundaram Iyer's letter No. 137-Pol., dated the 9th August 1910, regarding the alleged immigration into Ceylon of certain boys from the Mysore State, I am directed to state that, before the Government of Ceylon can be addressed in the matter with effect, it is necessary that the Residency should be informed of (1) the names and approximate ages of each boy and (2) whether enquiry made locally --- tends to show that boys answering their description were actually brought before the Ceylon Immigration Commission Agency at Bangalore and despatched to Ceylon.

2. It will also facilitate the reference to the Ceylon Government if the Durbar will kindly state the provision of the law which has been contravened in the present case.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedientservant,

W. G. Grey Major,

First Assistant Resident.

K.M.
13.8.10.

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Serial No. 5

31-8-10

Diary No. of letter replied to

No. G 1517/Enc 1.

General and Revenue Secretariat

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To

The Dy. Comr.

Hassan Distt

Date of issue 1.9.10

Signed by Mr. B. Ramaswamia.

In continuation of this office Endt No G.951/C-2 53-10-3 dated the 13th Aug 1910 regarding the disappearance of 13 boys in some villages of the Channa-rayapatna Taluk has the honour to forward herewith a list showing the names and approximate ages of the boys ~~as well as those of their fathers~~ and to request the Dy. Comr ~~to verify the same and to state~~ to cause the same to be verified and to over state

SUBJECT.

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whether enquiry made locally
19 tends to show that boys
answering their description
were actually brought
before the Ceylon Immigration
Commission Agency at
Bangalore and despatched
to Ceylon.

The report called for
in the Endt referred to above
and the information now
required may kindly be
furnished at an early
date

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BO 30/8/10

for Offg Secy

BO 30-8

List of enclosures,

one only

Copied by

Examined by

GPB—10,000—23-5-08

Urgent V/III Dist 1910 — 11 — 1953

From
P. R. Weatherall, Esq
Deputy Commissioner
Hassan District

To
C. S. Balasundaramiyer Esq. B.A.
Offg. Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore, Gen. & Rev. Depts. Bangalore

Dated 26th October 1910

Despatched 28th

Received

General No. 141

No. 5

Enclosure No. 3 & V.P. file.

Subject.

G.M. 5-3-10-6

Reporting on the Petit of Hosamane Dyavei Gowda and four others of certain villages in the Channarayapatna Taluk, regarding the disappearance of 13 boys of their villages and their subsequent despatch to Ceylon for work &c

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Deputy Commissioner's Office, Hassan District.

Dated Hassan, 26th. October 1910.

From,

P.R.W.Wetherall Esquire

Deputy Commissioner,

Hassan District.

To,

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer Esquire, B.A.

Offg. Secretary to the Government of His Highness

the Maharaja of Mysore,

General and Revenue Departments,

Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your memo No.G.951/G.M.53-10-3 dated 13th August 1910 and subsequent docket No.G.1517/G.M.53-10-3 dated 1st September 1910, regarding the disappearance of 13 boys in certain villages in the Chennaraipatna Taluk and their subsequent despatch to Ceylon for work on the plantations there, I have the honour to forward herewith copy of letter No.42/Mis. dated 17th October 1910, together with its enclosures in original received from Mr.C.Devaraj Urs, Assistant Commissioner, Chenna--raipatna Sub-Division, reporting in the matter after holding a personal enquiry and recording the statements of the persons concerned as desired by me. From the enquiries made by him it is observed that in all 24 young men and boys were induced to leave their homes for employment in Ceylon on a false representation of exaggerated pay and ~~less~~ easy work, that most of the boys are minors, their ages ranging between 14 and 18 (16 minors 8 above 20 years of age. Vide statement I appended to the Assistant Commissioner's letter.), and that local men viz, Boregowda of Kuruvenka and his son Kempa as well as another Boregowda of Beladare and his son Ninga, have undertaken on behalf of the Ceylon Immigration Commission Agency at Bangalore the task of procuring labour and were not a little instrumental in decoy--ing the boys from their homes without the knowledge of their parents.

2. From the statements of some of the boys who have returned

returned from Ceylon - Vide statements of Thammaiya, Siva, Putta and Rama- papers Nos 8, 10, 24 and 25 in the vernacular file, it is elicited that all these young men had been taken to the Office of the Ceylon Immigration Agency at Bangalore where their thumb impressions were taken and then despatched to Ceylon. This answers the query raised in your docket No. G.1517/G.M.53-10-5 dated 1st September 1910 in the affirmative.

3. As regards the allegation made by the boys referred to in the preceding para that Boregowda of Kuruvanka had taken the jewels worn by some of the boys before they left for Cey-lon but had not returned them (jewels) to their parents as promised by him, the matter will be referred to the Police for investigation and needful action.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Deputy Commissioner,

Hassan District.

B.S.N.

compd.

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Letter No.42/Mis.dated 17/18th.October 1910,
from the Assistant Commissioner,Chennaraipatna Sub-Division,
to the Deputy Commissioner,Hassan District.

Sir,

With reference to your docket No.61/J dated 17th August 1910,forwarding copy of Government O,M.No.G.951/G.M. 53-10-3 dated 13th idem and calling for a report regarding the sudden and mysterious disappearance of 13 boys etc.,I have the honour to state that Hosamane Dyavegowda and others were sent for and their statements taken before me.

2. It will be seen from the statements and the list No.I herein enclosed that besides 13 persons referred to in the above,11 others had left their homes without the knowledge of their parents and relatives. It is alleged that Kuruvankada Anche Boregowda and his son Kempa and also Baldere Anche Bore-gowda and his son Ninga induced these boys to leave their houses by giving false hopes that they would get handsome money if they consented to work in some places near Madras.

3. The statements of Kuruvankada Anche Boregowda and Bala-dare Anche Boregowda were also recorded. The former produced a printed advertisement showing the particulars of places where Agents are located and the circumstances under which coolies will be admitted. From the above it is apparent that these 2 persons and their sons had taken the lead to supply coolies required by the writer of the office of the Immigra-tion Depot at Bangalore. The writer is also said to have gone to their village for the purpose of procuring coolies to Estates in Ceylon.

4. Out of the 24 boys,6 boys are said to have returned to their houses. The marginally noted boys who returned had appeared before me during the enquiry and their statements were also taken. According to their statements Kuruvankada Anche Boregowda and his son Kempa, took them from their village to the office of the Immigration Commission where their thumb impressions

(x) 1.Thimmiah.
2.Siva.
3.Putta.
4.Rama.
(x) Nos.8,10,24 & 25.

impressions were taken and thereafter they were despatched to Ceylon by Rail. Before they left the place (Bangalore) Kuravankada Anche Boregowda took all the jewels worn by the boys telling them that they would be handed over to their parents. The boys on their return found that the jewels had not been returned to their parents.

5. It is suspicious that the Patels of Kuruvanka and Bala dare did not make any report in the matter either to the Police or to the Taluk Cutchery though they were aware of the missing of boys in their village as is clear from their statements.

6. As desired in your docked No.77/J dated 3rd.September 1910, I beg to enclose herein the statements of Shanbhogues taken before me regarding the verification of ages etc.of all the boys except Nanjaiya whose age is stated by his brc ther Ninga to be 18 years as may be seen from his statement No.12.

7. List No.2 shows the relative ages of 12 persons as compared with those given by the Shanbhogues.

8. The approximate ages of the persons who appeared before me are given in the margin.

Name.	Age.
1. Thammaiya.	18 years.
2. Siva.	19 years.
3. Putta.	18 years.
4. Rama.	16 years.

" C O P Y "

H.W. Wetherall

Deputy Commissioner,

B.S.N. Hassan District.

Compd. with H.

No I

List showing the particulars of persons of the Chem
Estates in Ceylon

Serial number	Name of missing persons	Age as per statement of persons concerned	Father's name	Village	Kabal
1	Suriamma	14	Kosamani Gyani Gowda	Baladaré	Dand kali
2	Banana	20	Sanegowda	do	d
3	Gyana	14	Anche Gowda	Valagerahalli	V
4	Kala	14	Nanjegowda Venkatachama	Adagur	K
5	Pattu (Vide 24)	18	Nagowda Ena	Bagaur	Ba
6	Siva	14	Ramegowda	Valagera-halli	Dan kali
7	Kalu	18	Sanna Naye	do	
8	Thammiah	18	Gowda Konja	Bagaur	Ba
9	Kamu	15	Pattesami	do	
10	Siva	19	Bammerally	do	
11	Thimma	16	Thimmaraji	do	
12	Konja	18	Basavegowda	Sappanahalli	Ka
13	Kuica	16	Dodagowda	Baladaré	Dan k
14	Thimma	16	[illegible]	Kaicé Ramma halli	Ka
15	Chinna	25	Konjegowda	do	
16	Sanna alias Dodda Kuica	30	Kokkegowda	Devegere	

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	When left his place	Whether returned or not	Remarks
qua-	4 or 5 months ago	not returned	As per Thanabaya's Statement dated 7.10.910 Sivaranya Uniyetturned (Statement no. 34)
	do	do	
	do	do	
sala	do	do	
aaru	do	returned	
iqua	do	not returned	
v	Before Yugadi	do	
aaru	4 or 5 months ago	do	As per Thanabaya's Statement no 32 dated 7.10.910 Thammiah Uniy returned.
v	Before Yugadi	Returned	
v	4 or 5 months ago	Do	
v		do	
ala	Before Yugadi	Not do	
iqua	do	do	
lli ala	do	do	Sisira Uniya's Statement recorded.
v	do	do	
v	do	do	

List no: 2

List showing the ages of 13 persons of Chemmanaya palli Taluk Kanthalore paid to Estates in Ceylon

Serial no:	Names of missing persons	Age as per Statements of parents &c	Age as per Copy of Statement received with Deputy Commissioners no: 77/J 23-9-910	Age as stated by the Thanabhagan
1	Lutchamja	14	16	15
2	Batacca	20	20	20
3	Dyana	14	12	14
4	Kala	14	13	13
5	Rutta	18	16	18
6	Lutcha	14	16	15
7	Kala	18	18	15
8	Thammiah	18	18	17
9	Rama	15	16	17
10	Lutcha	19	16	19
11	Thammiah	16	14	14
12	Ramen	18	13	18 *
13	Lutcha	16	16	16

* Age as per Statement of Muneh

Kannan
Dated 17th October 1910

Chinnaya Thy
General Assistant
Commissioner

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From

Secy. to the Govt. of His Highness
The Maharaja of Mysore,
Genl. and Rev. Dept.

To

The Dy. Com
Bangalore

Dated

Despatched 16. 5. 11

Received

General No. G 6619 Encl
Fin. No. 53-10-14

Enclosure No.

Sir,

In forwarding herewith a list showing particulars regarding certain boys, alleged to have been recruited for work in Ceylon, I am directed to state that it is elicited from the statements of some of the boys who are reported to have since returned from Ceylon K. I. all the boys had been taken to the Office of the Ceylon Immigration Agency at Bangalore where their thumb impressions were taken

before they were
~~sent from here~~ despatched to Ceylon.
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I am now to request you to be
so good as to arrange for
the City ~~Magistrate or~~ Magistrate other magistrate
visiting the agency office and
verifying from the registers maintained therein
whether the minor boys in question
were brought before the agency
and sent from here. The information
may kindly be furnished at an
early date

I have etc.

10/5/11

Deputy Secy

Govt

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From The Deputy Commissioner
Bangalore Dt:

To The Secretary to Government
Genl: & Rev: Depts:

Dated 10th
Despatched 12th June 1911.
Received

General No.
S. No. 522
Enclosure No. 3

Q. No. 5-3-10 16

Furnishing information about alleged immigration of some minor boys to Ceylon

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Office of the District Magistrate

Bangalore District.

Dated Bangalore, 10th June 1911.

S No. 522

From

B.J.Kumaraswami Naik, Esq., B.A.,

District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

To

C.S.Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,

Offg: Secretary to the Government of H.H.

the Maharaja of Mysore, Genl and Rev.Deptts

Sir,

Referring to your letter No.G.6619/G.M.53-10-14 dated the 16th May 1911, requesting to be informed whether certain minor boys were brought to the Office of the Ceylon Immigration Agency at Bangalore and were sent to Ceylon from there, I have the honor to forward herewith copy of letter No.448 dated 29th May 1911 -- from the City Magistrate, Bangalore, furnishing the information required by you.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant.

Asst Commissioner

For District Magistrate,

Bangalore District.

Letter No.448 dated 29th May 1911, from the City Magistrate Bangalore, to the District Magistrate, Bangalore District.

With reference to your docket No.J.1962 dated 23rd May 1911, enclosing letter No.G.6619/G.M.53-10-14, dated 16th May 1911, from the officiating Secretary to the Government of Mysore, enquiring whether certain minor boys were brought to the -- office of the Ceylon Immigration Agency at Bangalore and were sent to Ceylon from there, I have the honor to state that, I visited the Agency Office on the 27th instant, and overhauled the office register from January 1910. Out of the 23 names mentioned in the list appended to the Government letter, I was able to trace 19 names in the register of the Agency Office. The entries mentioned in the register with reference to the 19 persons are as contained in the statement attached to this letter. It will be seen that the persons mentioned as minors in the Government list are shown as being aged 18 or upwards in the agency register. The agency office was opened in -- Bangalore only from January 1910, as a branch of the Trichinopoly office. The agent in Bangalore Mr.Damodaram Mudaliar explained to me that one Bora, son of Bore Gowda, aged 23 years, residing at Maruvanahalli, Chennarayapatna Taluk, invariably brings to him coolies from that Taluk, that all coolies of that Taluk mentioned in the agency register were brought to the agency office by the said Bora, that their thumb impressions were taken in a book kept for the purpose, and that they were paid their Railway fare and some advance money and sent to the Head Office at Trichinopoly. I inspected the thumb impression book. The impressions are attested by the agent or one of the clerks of the office.

The original list of Government received with your docket is herewith returned.

"C O P Y"

Asst Commissioner
for ~~Deputy Commissioner~~
District Magistrate
Bangalore

Extract from the Agency Register. Page 66 for the month of March 1910.

Serial No of Government list	Name	Age	Father's name	Village.
2	Basaviah	25	Sona	Baladare
3	Dyava	18	Nanje Sowda	Vallagarahalli
5	Puttiah	20	Erappa	Bagur
7	Kaliah	20	Nanje Sowda	Vallagarahalli
9	Ramaiah	18	Puttasomanna	Bagur
14	Thimmiah	18	Govindanna	Korenaranahalli
15	Chennaiah	20	Mayanna	—do—
17	Nungiah	20	Linge Gowda	Devigere
19	Ninga	26	Sanda Gowda	Darsaghatta
21	Chenna	25	Chenna	Marvanhalli
23	Sivananji	35	Kalappa	Vallagarahalli

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Extract from the Agency Register Page 85 for the month of April 1910.

Serial No:	Name.	Age.	Father's name.	Village.
1.	Sivanna	20	Devanna	Baladare
4.	Kala	18	Venkatappa	Adiagur
6.	Siva	19	Mari Gowda	Chennarayapatna
10.	Sivananya	20	Bommasetty	Bagur
11.	Thimma	18	Thimmaraya	Chennarayapatna
12.	Naya	20	Basavanna	Suppmahalli
22.	Bova	40	Dyavanna	Kumanahalli

Extract from the Agency Register. Page 99. for the month of May 1910.

16.	Sannega	30	Lakke Gowda	Devegere

Bangalore
28th May 1911.

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for District Magistrate

[Signed] S. Satyaji Rao
City Magistrate
Bangalore.

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General and Revenue Secretariat

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Date of issue 12-8-1911.

Signed by

Mr. S. Balasundaramiyer

To

The First Assistant

Resident in Mysore

Sir

With refee to the correspondence ending with Major Grey's letter No. 4946 dated the 17th Aug 1910 regarding the emigration to Ceylon of certain boys from the Chennarayapatna Taluk I am directed to state as follows:—

Enquiries made locally ~~in the matter~~ show that, in addition to the 13 4 persons mentioned in my letter No. Pol. 137 dated the 9th Aug 1910 over.

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to more have disappeared and that all the 23 persons were induced to leave their homes for employment in Ceylon on false and exaggerated representations in regard to pay and easy work and that several of them are minors, their ages ranging between 14 and 18, who left without the knowledge or consent of their parents or guardians. It is learnt that certain local men, Viz., one Kuche' Bore' Gowda of Kuruvanka his son Keshpa, Bore' Gowda of Baladare' and his Abin Ningu recruited these persons. It is alleged that Kuche' Bore' Gowda (one of the recruiters above named) brought the recruited coolies to Bangalore and got from some of them (Kala Thammiah Puttatami, Siva, Thimma of Bagur and Thimma of Kerèmaradahalli) the silver jewels they wore on their persons on the pretext

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× (as per details given in the annexed statt

List of enclosures,

(X) Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 within

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that he would return them to the boy's parents but that the articles were not to returned.

From enquiries made at the Office of the Labour Commission in the Bangalore City it is ascertained that the names of 19 out of the 23 persons referred to are found in the registers maintained in that office though the ages recorded are all over 18.

(2) It has also been ascertained that the boys whose names are noted in the margin have since returned from Ceylon and from statements made by some of them it is learnt that all the men recruited were taken to the Office of the Ceylon Emigration Commission Agency at Bangalore (where their thumb impressions were recorded) and then taken to Trichinopoly

× 16, 9 to 12, 14 to 17, 19 and 21 to 23 in the list

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1) Sivanaiya — 1 in the list
2) Putta — 5
3) Thammiah — 8
4) Rama — 9
5) Lutta — 10
6) Thimma — 11

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in charge of Kempa (one of the recruiters named above). After a short stay in that town they were taken to Ceylon in the company of a mestri. Although these coolies appear to have been told before recruitment that their earnings on the plantations would be 8 as per day, and even more in certain cases, they were actually given only rations at 3/4 of a seer of rice per day and a sum of 8 as as the balance of wages for two months. When they expressed a desire to return to Mysore, Kempa son of Anche' Bore' Gowda who acted as one of the recruiters, told them that each of them had to discharge a debt of Rs 50/- contracted on their account; and when they persisted in their intention to leave Ceylon they were beaten. The boys in question however

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put by 8 or 10 days' rations, left the plantations stealthily and walked to Colombo where they worked for about a month or two and earned some money to enable them to cross over to India and walk back to his home.

(3) It is also alleged that the Bangalore Agent of the Ceylon Labour Commission (known to the men of the villages in Chennarayapatna as the "writer" as the "writer" of the Agency Office) conspired with Kempa and his father to induce the ignorant village people, by holding out false promises, to leave their homes and that he visited certain villages in the Chennarayapatna taluk with Kempa on more than one occasion in connection with the work of recruiting labour. The "writer" is also said to have registered the coolies in

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question in the Bangalore Agency Office and arranged for their further journey to Trichinopoly &c

(4) An almost similar account of the methods of recruitment and of the men's experiences in Ceylon is given by some coolies who went from Davangere' in the Chitaldrug Distt and returned only a short time ago. I enclose an extract from a communication received from the Amildar of Tiptur on this subject. This account corroborates the statements of the boys of the Hassan Distt in important points and is of much value coming as it does from an entirely different and independent source. These circumstances clearly show that the work of recruitment

Vide P. No 73 of 1181-1 (Enclosed)

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of labour for Ceylon is attended with several undesirable features which do not contribute to the Economic advantage of the prospective emigrant. It seems to be clear that the maistries, recruiting agents or Kanganies as they are called, profit to a large extent by imposing upon the credulity of ignorant villagers. What the Durbar desire to ensure is that these recruiters should be placed under proper control so that they do not mislead the emigrants and that the latter know clearly before leaving their homes the conditions of life, labour and wages in the new country to which they are asked to emigrate.

(5) As regards the point raised in para 2 of the letter

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under reply, Viz, what provision of law has been contravened, I am to state that, presuming that the main story related by some of the boys is true, the recruiting agents, Viz the two Boré Gowdas and their Sons Kempa and Nunga, are undoubtedly guilty of cheating, punishable under section 417 of the Indian Penal Code in respect of every boy or adult that was misled by their misrepresentations. In respect of the boys under 14 years of age, they are also guilty of the offence of Kidnapping, punishable under section 363 of the Indian Penal Code. The Writer" of the Agency Office who is said to have actively assisted the Boré Gowdas would be equally liable as an abettor

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(6) In this connection I am to invite your attention to the marginally noted remarks of the Asst. Ceylon Labour Commissioner, Trichinopoly contained in his letter of the 17th Oct. 1908 (copy of which was forwarded to the Durbar with Mr. Copeland's Endt No. 5517 dated the 27th Oct. (1908) and to state that the inquiries instituted in the present case go to show that coolies are not given such freedom as is stated in the Asst. Labour Commissioner's letter. On the other hand it is clear from the statements made by some of the persons who have returned from Ceylon that the wages earned and the food given on the plantations in Ceylon are very meagre and that

X The Emigration is free and unindentured and a cooly is at perfect liberty to return to India.

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~~Indian~~ coolies find it extremely difficult to return to their homes at their choice.

(4) I am to express the hope that in view of the above facts the Hon'ble the Resident will be so good as to address the Ceylon Govt in the matter to arrange for the remaining ~~boys~~ persons in Ceylon being sent back to their villages at an early date, unless they explicitly express a willingness to stay on in Ceylon.

(5) I have &c.

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P.S. Since the above was dictated the Director Land Records has forwarded a communication on the subject from Pilkington, a coffee planter of long standing in the State. A copy of the letter is herewith enclosed, and it speaks for itself.

List showing particulars of persons of the Cheramarayaf

No	Names of missing persons	Age according to statts of parents or guardians	Age as per entry in the Agency Office Register at Bangalore.	Father's Name	
1	Siva Ranja	14	20	Hosamane' Dyave' Gowda	Bo
2	Basava	20	25	Somi Gowda	
3	Dyava	14	18	Anche' Ranje' Gowda	Vala
4	Kala	14	18	Venkataramane' Gowda	Ad
5	Putta	18	20	Lera	Bo
6	Siva	14	19	Marigowda	Valag
7	Kala	18	20	~~Lingaraje~~ Sanna Ranje' Gowda	
8	Thammiah	18		Konga or Thirumal Gowda	Bac
9	Raina	15	18	Puttasami	

Sira taluk recruited for work in Ceylon

Village	Hobli	When he left the place	Whether he has returned or not	Remarks
ladare'	Sandigana-halli	4 or 5 months subsequent to Yugadi (April 1910)	Returned	
DO	DO	DO	Not returned	
jarahalli	DO	DO	DO	Age 12 according to entry in the petn. ~~and with Podava's letter~~ No. 04
Bagur	Nasaba	DO	DO	Age 13 according to entry in the pet and 13 also according to the Village Chanbhoguis statt.
gur	Bagur	DO	Returned	
nalli	Sandigana-halli	DO	Not returned	
DO	DO	Before Yugadi (April 1910)	DO	
ur	Bagur	4 or 5 months subsequent to Yugadi (April 1910)	Returned	
DO	DO	Before Yugadi (April 1910)	Returned	

Bagur	Bagur	~~4 or~~ 5 months subsequent to Yugadi (April 1910)	Returned	
do	do	do	do	
appinahalli	Kasaba	~~A~~ few days after Yugadi (April 1910)	Not returned	Age 13 according to entry in the pet~~i~~ ~~not the correct letter~~
aladere'	Dandigana-halli	Before Yugadi (April 1910)	do.	
arimarana-halli	Kasaba	do	do.	
do	do	do	do	
devigere'	do	do	do	
do	do	do	do	
do	do	Subsequent to Yugadi (April 1910)	do	
harsaghatta	Bagur	do	do	
Hurubare-halli	~~Dan~~ do	Just before ~~Yugadi~~ Yugadi (April 1910)	do	
narayanahalli	do	~~About May 1910~~ do	do	
Hanumanahalli	do	do		
Kalagara-halli	Dandigana-halli	Subsequent to Yugadi (April 1910)	~~do~~ Not returned	

10	Siva	19	20	Bommarethi
11	Thimma	16	18	Thimmaraji
12	Ranja	18	20	Balave Gowda
13	Ninga	16		Subari Gowda } Gowda
14	Thimma	16	18	Gow ~~Gowda~~ Kadalla
15	Chenna	25	20	Mayig Gowda
16	Sanna alias Dodda Ninga	30	30	Lakke Gowda
17	Sanna Ninga	20	20	Ninge Gowda or Singe
18	Thunta	18		Putta
19	Ninga	28	26	Soulee Gowda
20	Lakka	22		Lakka
21	Chenna	20	25	Belur Mestri
22	Bola	(Not given)	40	Dejave Gowda
23	Siva	35	35	Kala

Bangalore, 44

July 30th, 1911.

T. Ananda Row Esqr., C.I.E.,

Dewan of Mysore.

My dear Sir,

I hope you will not mind my writing to inform you of the fact that the Ceylon Labor Agency has opened recruiting Agencies at Tiptur and Holalkere. I believe that owing to representations made by the Hon. Mr. Hamilton, the Tiptur Agency is about to be closed; but no steps are apparently being taken as regards Holalkere and on this account I beg to draw your attention to it.

At Holalkere particularly there are a number of small cultivators who yearly go up to the Coffee Estates on the Bababudan Hills, and work there till rain falls when they return to their fields and cultivate and sow them. They then return to the estates, and work till the harvest season. This is beneficial to Government as two sources of revenue are thereby increased, the Coffee estates and the low country cultivation, to say nothing of the increase in the production of grain and other produce assisted by money earned on the Coffee estates. But a very large deportment of the labouring class from these parts to a distance like Ceylon would be a very serious matter. Labor in this district is very scarce as it is, and as the labor would be unable to return from the Ceylon estates as it now does, neither sowing or harvesting could be undertaken and large areas of land would go out of cultivation.

The coffee industry would also suffer for want of labor and a further loss of revenue would result.

It is well known, or should be, that Mysore is sparsely populated, and has no large surplus population such as exists in Madura and Trichinopoly, and it is wrong to try and induce these people to emigrate, and I feel sure that this can only be done by offering them very high advances.

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D.O No. G. 964 Encl/Pp

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To

P. R. W. Wetterall Esq.

Dy. Comr. and

Distt Magistrate

Hatban Distt.

Date of issue 12.8.11

Signed by

Dear Sir

With refce to the correspondence ending with your official letter No. 141/S dated the 28th Octr. 1910 on the subject of the emigration to Ceylon of certain persons from the Chennarayapatna Taluk I am desired to state that presuming that the main story related by some of the

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persons who have returned
back to their villages is true, it would seem that
~~Govt to consider that~~
Mache' Bore' Gowda of Kurevanka
and Bore' Gowda of Baladare'
(who have acted the part
of recruiting agents) and
their sons Kenpa and Renga
are undoubtedly guilty of
cheating, punishable under
Section 417 of the I.P.C in
respect of every boy or adult
that was misled by their
misrepresentations. In respect
of the boys under 14 years
of age, they are also
guilty of the offence of
Kidnapping, punishable
under section 363 I.P.C.

2) I am to request you to let me know whether
~~therefore to be to take~~
may not be taken
~~steps at once~~ for the
men in question being
proceeded against legally,
the Public Prosecutor being
consulted in the matter

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The Records of Enquiry are forwarded herewith for refce and re-transmission

if necessary. As the "Writer" of the Agency Office Bangalore City, who is said to have actively assisted the two Bore Gowdas, would be equally liable as an abettor I am to suggest that attempts may be made to identify the man & prosecute him also. ~~Where evidence is found~~ and ~~place him~~ The matter may be treated as very urgent and a report furnished to Govt at an early date. Yours sincerely

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Offg Secy

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Dear Sir,

In returning herewith the file of Kanarese records received with your Confidential D.O. letter No G. 964 dated 12th August 1911, I herein enclose copy of D.O. letter No 32 dated 21st August 1911 received from the Public Prosecutor, Mysore Division (who was consulted in the matter as suggested in your D.O. letter under reply) together with copy of a detailed English memo: of the case ~~today~~ dated the 28th instant today received from the District Supdt of Police, Hassan, who had deputed Police Inspector M. Ranga Rao to go to Bangalore and make further enquiries in the case particularly concerning the identity of the "Writer"

"writer" of the Agency office, Bangalore City referred to in your D.O. letter. That individual is Mr. A.R. Damodaram who belongs to Bangalore. But the "writer" referred to by some of the persons previously examined in the case as having accompanied the two Bore gowdas & their 2 sons to Channagapatna Taluk & back to Bangalore is obviously not him but Matsamy Kangani, who had come from Ceylon & no doubt took an active part in inducing the boys to leave their homes in that Taluk, and in taking them away to Bangalore, thence to Tuticorin, and on to Ceylon.

2. Considering the enquiries made by the ~~District~~ City Magistrate of Bangalore, particulars of which were reported to Govt. in letter No S.428 dated the 25th March 1911 from the District Magistrate of Bangalore recorded & communicated to me & other District Magistrates in Govt. Pro: No G.2024-32 G.M.53-10-20 dated 28th Sept 1911, it does not appear to me that Mr. A.R. Damodaram can

can be prosecuted in this case as an abettor of any of the offences which may be held to be applicable to Malsamy Kaufani, the 2 Boregowdas and their 2 sons Kempa & Ninga - It may be here pointed out that in para 8 of the Bangalore City Magistrates Report he refers to Mr A.R. Damodaram as the local Agent presumably of the Ceylon Labour Commission, and not as the "Writer".

3. From the enclosed D.O. letter of the Public Prosecutor it may be seen that the offence of "Kidnapping from Lawful Guardianship" cannot be established in this case at all - The offence to be considered is "Kidnapping from British India" defined under section 360 and punishable under section 363 I.P. Code. Of course under section 31 clauses iv and vi of the General Clauses Regulation III of 1899 the words "British India" may be interpreted into "Territories of Mysore" - And this offence may be said to have been completed at Bangalore (City) from where the boys or coolies are alleged to have been taken to

Trichinopoly + thence on to Ceylon - A question of Police and Magisterial jurisdiction would therefore arise -

4. I invite particular reference to paras 14 to 19 of the Hassan D.S.P's Memo: dated 28-10-11 herein enclosed - From para 16 it may be observed that Matsami Kanyani, Kempa and Ninga are believed to be still in Ceylon, to which Crown Colony the provisions of the Indian Extradition Act presumably do not extend. Those three accused persons have evidently learnt that they are "wanted" in the Mysore State, and consequently continue to remain in Ceylon. Without criminal proceedings being taken against them for Kidnapping from the Territories of Mysore it will not be possible to establish abetment of that offence as committed in Bangalore City by the two Boré gowdas -

5. The evidence as to Cheating under Sec. 420 + Crmnl Breach of Trust under Sec. 406 I P Code concerning the two Boré gowdas and the personal ornaments of the boys, is very weak Hence there remains

remains only Simple Cheating under Section 417 I.P. Code as against all the five accused persons, which is a non-cognizable offence regarding which institution of Criminal proceedings by the Coolies who were taken to Ceylon + returned, viz on a stamped Complaint petition (vide section 3 and Schedule II. 1(b) Mysore Court Fees Regulation III of 1900) before the Magistrate having jurisdiction either in Hassan District or in Bangalore District would be necessary (vide section 182 Crl Pro Code). Of the five accused persons three are believed to be still in Ceylon, and their attendance cannot therefore be enforced by any legal process.

6. The case is beset with difficulties + technicalities, and also owing to lapse of time the result of its prosecution would be

be very doubtful. I am therefore of opinion that the case is not one which can be successfully prosecuted.

Yours Sincerely

M W Wetherall

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esq
B A
Offg Secy to the Govt
of Mysore
General & Revenue Depts
Bangalore

MYSORE.

No. 32.

21st. August 1911

B.Krishnamachar B.A,B.L.,
Advocate & Public Prosecutor.

P.R.W.Wetherall Esquire,

District Magistrate, Hassan.

Dear Sir,

Your D.O. dated 15th. August 1911 to hand. On going through the records sent with your letter I find that 10 minors, 14 majors, 1 of doubtful age, and 5 whose age is not given have in all been made to leave Mysore territory. Of these 3 minors, 2 majors and one of doubtful age have returned. The ages of all the persons who were made to leave their homes is over 14 years and as all are males no offence under Section 361 I.P.Code has been committed.

2 The only Section that is applicable to the present case is Section 360 I.P.Code. It is plain from the records that the lawful guardians of the minors did not consent to the minors' going out as coolies to Ceylon. So any consent that the minors may have given for their being taken to Ceylon is useless. Intheir case at least it is very clear that the persons who conveyed them beyond the limits of Mysore rendered themselves liable to punishment under Section 363 I.P.Code for having committed offences defined in Section 360 I.P.Code.

3 In the case of majors who were made to leave Mysore, before the prosecution can succeed it must be proved that consent was obtained by fraud or deception. That consent was so obtained is clear from the evidence on record. But whether that evidence will be believed it is not now possible to say. Dr. Gour* in his Penal Code gives the instance of coolies being made to go out of British India under false promises of good wages &c, as one

in

*"Penal Law of India" by H.S. Gour, M.A., D.C.L., L.L.D.

in which the consent of the coolies was obtained by fraud and deception(vide page 1413 para 2775 Vol. II).

4. As to the writer in Bangalore, I may say that he renders himself liable as an abettor. In a case reported in I.L.R. I Madras page 173 it has been held that kidnapping out of British India is a continuing offence and that every person aiding himself and helping the taking out of British India till the border is crossed, renders himself liable as an abettor. This is confirmed in the decisions reported in I.L.R. 26 Madras page 454, I.L.R 27 Calcutta page 1041 and I,L.R. 26 Allahabad page 197. Dr Gour and Mr. Mayne also concur in this view of the law. From the records it is clear that the writer took all the persons from Bagalore to Trichinopoly.

* viz Matsami Kangani & not Mr A.R. Damodaram.

5. Under these circumstance prosecutions with a fair chance of success may be instituted.

6. The records are herewith sent, the receipt of which please acknowledge.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/- B.Krishnamachar .

" Copy "

District Magistrate,

M.P.C. HASSAN .

Memo

1. In Ceylon some of the Planters appear to have formed themselves into a Commission and have established tea plantations, each of which is being managed by a Superintendent These Superintendents, for the purpose of recruiting coolies for labour in their Estates, have employed certificated Kurtors whose duty is to produce before the Search Agency Office, such of the Coolies as were recruited in places around. There are banking Agencies at Bangalore, Seringapatam, Tipetur and other places in the Mysore Province and in British India. Some of these banking agencies have formed themselves into a circle-headed

headed by a Salaried Commissioner.
These Commissioners are always
on the move and are supposed
to Supervise the work of the
recruiting and banking agencies
in their Circle. The recruiting
Sirdars obtain a certificate —
from the Superintendent of each
Estate and under that probation
move about Canvassing for Coolies.
They have got a fixed pay and,
apart from this, they get one anna
per day on each cooly that is
procured, and so long as the cooly
continues to work on the Estate.
These Sirdars are generally called
"Kanganies" in those places.

2 During the early part of
March 1910 one Ouatsamy Kangani
and one Kempa of Kuruvanka —
village who goes by the name of
Marenahalli

Marenahalli Bora, as noted in the Registers and certificate, came to Kuruvanka village, Chamarajpatna Taluk. There, this Dhatsamy Kangani gave out that he is the agent of a Rubber Plantation at Madras, in addition to what he owns; that Kempa is his Daffedar and that he would pay ample salary as ~~Rs~~ 15/- per month, if persons would go and work in the Rubber Plantation at Madras. The father of this Kempa by name Anché Boregowda had given his house at Kuruvanka for this Dhatsamy's accommodation, where Baladaré Anché Boregowda and his son Linga, Anché Boré-gowda of Kuruvanka and his son the above said Kempa used to

to Such and arrange for obtaining Coolies from Kuruvanka. The above named persons used to go about villages for this purpose and after sufficient inducements were offered, asked the persons induced to leave their homes and reach at a particular place, from where they were taken to Bangalore. Thus three batches of persons on three different occasions were taken to Bangalore, viz 1st batch consisting of 13 persons were taken on the 15th March 1910 by Mattamy Thangamy Kuruvanka Boregowda, his son Kempa and Linga from Kuruvanka where the Coolies all joined as per their previous agreement. Food for the Coolies was being provided by the above said persons. But Baladare' Boregowda on this occasion

occasion, did not go to Bangalore,
but only went as far as Kurnvanka
and returned home after seeing the
coolies duly despatched to Bangalore
At Bangalore these coolies were
produced before the banking
agent by name Damodaram
who registered the names of these
coolies as having been recruited
by Ratsamy Kangani and paid
the expenses of their journey &c to the
extent of Rs 193 - 15 - 6 to Ratsamy
Kangani, so as to enable him to
take the coolies as far as Trichinopoly
This agent is supposed to explain
to the coolies the wages &c they would
get and their destination. But
nothing of this kind appears to
have been done at Bangalore
except

except that the coolies were told by
the persons who took them, that they
had to pass a small gulf to go
to Madras, to safeguard against
these coolies protesting while on the
way. Further, these coolies were
asked to part with their jewels as
they were proceeding to Sastank
Parts and as it would not be
safe to go with them, and that
they would be delivered to their
Parents or guardians Hence the
coolies delivered their ear ornaments,
bangles &c to Asche Boregowda
of Kuruvanka, but he did not
deliver these ornaments to the
parents and guardians of the coolies
Asche' Boregowda of Kuruvanka
and Kenga left the coolies at
Bangalore and returned to
their

their places. Both Kumpa went as
far as Jolarpet and came back
under the false pretext that he
is going to be married and would
be going back shortly to Ceylon.
Muthusamy Kangani singly
escorted them to Ceylon and
returned to Kuruvanka after
leaving them at "Hathadar Ganga"
Estate, Ratnapuri Post.

3. Again on the night of the
18th April 1910, Muthusamy Kangani,
Baladare Boregowda, his son
Muniyappa Kuruvankada Boregowda
and his son Kumpa similarly
recruited and sent a second
batch of 12 coolies to Bangalore.
The two Boregowdas returned
from Bangalore and their two
sons and Muthusamy Kangani
went

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went as far as Salem and alighted
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there, under the false pretext of getting
some more coolies there Kempa
took the coolies to Trichinopoly
where they were kept under observation
as usual Three days after, Ratsamy
Kangani came to Trichinopoly
and informed Kempa in presence
of the coolies that Renga was laid
up on account of illness at Salem,
whereupon Kempa, leaving the
coolies to the charge of Ratsamy
Kangani came away as if to see
Renga. Even on this occasion,
the jewels on the persons of some of
the coolies are stated to have been
taken possession of by the two
Boreyvadas on the promise referred
to above.

4. For the 3rd time, Kempa

Renga

Kunja and the two Boregowdas were preparing to send another batch. In the meantime a letter was received by Kempa written in Tamil by Ratnamy Kanyan at Ceylon, to the effect that the Superintendent "Doray" is very old and that he should bring more coolies soon &c. This was got read by Ranginde Gowda, whose curiosity began to awake when he saw that the letter was from Ceylon, and began to question Kempa as to why he said Madras, when Kempa snatched the letter from him stating that he does not know how to read Tamil. Fearing that their fraud had been detected, they took as many as 13 coolies they had collected from Kurnoola on

on the 19th May 1910, and they were
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taken from Bangalore to Ceylon
by Hanja and Kempa who have
not as yet returned.

5. After sometime, Sivahanja,
one of the coolies despatched in
the 2nd batch, wrote two letters, one
to Bagur and the other to —
Baladaré stating that they were
taken and sold away as cattle;
that they were watched whilst at
work; that they were kept to
hardship and that there would
be no chance of seeing them
any more.

6. Thereupon the fathers and
near relations of some of the coolies,
viz Somegowda of Baladaré, Anché
Hanjegowda of Vogerhally, Venkata-
-ramana of Adagur, Bleamaveerah
of

of Bagur, took the two Boregowdas to task and asked them to show the Bangalore agency Office, which they did. They enquired of the Agent who said that there was no fear as the coolies would return in 8 days if a letter be written. Accordingly prepaid letters were written to Ceylon to the address of Kempa and Ranga, and finding that no letters were received in reply, and that the two Boregowdas who went with them bolted away, they presented a petition to the Dewan.

7. The petition was sent to the Deputy Commissioner for enquiry and report. First, it was enquired into by Mr C. Devaraj Urs, Assistant Commissioner

Commissioner, Channarayapatna Sub Division, and then reference was made to the district Superintendent of Police requiring Police investigation. The case was registered under Sections 363, 367, 341, 342, 406 and 109 Indian Penal Code. The houses of the accused were searched for the jewels alleged to have been taken by the two Boreowdas from the coolies at Bangalore. But the search proved useless owing to lapse of time. In the meantime, some of the coolies escaped from the "Hathadar Ganga" Estate and reached their homes one or two months after, having undergone difficulties owing to insufficient food and other hardships on the way.

8. These coolies were questioned as

as also the available evidence found through in the case, and all the facts noted above are borne out by the evidence collected in the case.

Q. From the investigation, it is clear that Veeraswamy Kangani, Anche' Boregowda of Kurivanka, his son Kempa, Anche' Boregowda of Baladare & his son Ranga have committed the offence of Cheating under Section 417 I. P. Code by falsely representing to the coolies that they were to be taken to Madras for extracting Rubber juice and that they would get wages to the extent of Rs 15/- per mensem. Thus they were induced to leave their homes by actually taking them to Ceylon where they were actually paid 4 to 6 annas

annas per month in addition
to one bushel of rice for 4 coolies
every week, they having been
made to dig pits and remove
Weeds in the Tea plantations

10. Further, the coolies being
above 14 years of age, Kidnapping
from British India (or rather
from the Territories of Mysore)
punishable under Section 363 I.P.
Code is the provision of law —
applicable to the case.

11. The acts said to have been
committed by the two Boregowdas
in having taken the jewels from
some of the coolies and not having
delivered them to their parents
or guardians amount to offences
under Sections 420 and 406 I.P.
Code, but in the absence of
property

property and corroborative evidence, it may not be possible to prove the case under these Sections.

12. Of the accused persons, only the two Boregowdas are present in their villages there, and the remaining three are said to be in Ceylon.

13. Under the circumstances, a charge should might be placed against all the 5 persons under Sections 363, 109 and 417 I. P. Code but for the fact that by tradition proceedings cannot be taken in the case of the 3 persons who are said to be in Ceylon.

14. With reference to the District Magistrate's Confidential D. O. letter dated the 15th August 1911, forwarding

Copy

Copy of General and Revenue Secretary's
Confidential D.O. letter No G 964
dated the 12th idem, it may be
mentioned that Mr A. R. Damodaram
is the "Writer" of the Agency office,
Bangalore City. But from the
facts of the case, no malefides
can be attributed to his act in
merely providing funds on behalf
of the Ceylon Labour Commission
to defray the travelling and way-
expenses of the coolies who had
been induced by Ratsamy Kangani
to leave Bangalore City for
Trichinopoly with a view to taking
them to Ceylon. As Mr A. R.
Damodaram did not take any
active part in inducing these
coolies to leave their homes in
Channarayapatna Taluk, there
appears

appears insufficient grounds to include him as an accused in this case for abetment of Kidnapping from Kapore Territory.

15. From the foregoing, it is apparent that only 5 persons can be included as accused persons in this case for offences as noted below:

(1) Ibatsani Kangani ... Sec 363 I.P.C.

(2) Kuruvankada Anché Boregowda
(3) Baladaré Anché Boregowda } S.S. 420 & 406 I.P.C.

(4) Kunja bin K. Boregowda
(5) Iruja bin B. Boregowda } Sec 363 I.P.C

and the offence of Cheating against all the accused persons under Section 417 I.P. Code.

16. As already stated above, the 1st, 4th and 5th accused are believed

believed to be in Ceylon, and their
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attendance cannot be secured for
the purpose of this case, as the
provisions of the Indian Extradition
Act of 1903 do not extend to the
Crown Colony of Ceylon.

17. As regards the remaining two
accused persons (2) K. Boregowda
and (3) B. Boregowda, the offence
of Kidnapping from beyond
Territory or abetment of the same
cannot be established against them,
in the absence of Criminal proceedings
against the 1st, 4th and 5th accused.

18. The evidence as to Cheating
and Criminal Breach of Trust
under Sections 420 and 406 I.P.C
is very meagre and entirely
depends on the uncorroborated
evidence of the Coolies, viz Thimmah,
Thammah

Thammiah, Rama, Dasa, Siva, Putta, T. Thimma and B. Siva Ranja, who allege that they handed over their personal ornaments to the above mentioned two Boreguadas who deny all knowledge of it.

19. If at all, a case of Cheating, punishable under Section 417 I.P.C may be brought home to the available accused persons, which is a case non-cognizable by the Police.

(Signed) M. P. Viswanatha Rao
District Superintendent of Police
Hassan

28-10-11.

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M. V. Wellerall

Deputy Commr
& District Magistrate
Hassan

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17-11-11

FROM

P. B. WARBURTON, Esq., I. C. S.,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

DIARY No. 1959

1911-1912
SECTION G. M.
FILE No. 53 of 10
SERIAL No. 22

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 7th November 1911.

SIR,

I am directed to refer to the correspondence ending with Mr. Balasundaram Iyer's letter No. 158, Pol., dated the 12th August 1911, relating to the emigration of coolies from the Mysore State to the plantations in Ceylon.

2. The matter was brought to the notice of the Government of India, who have now invited the attention of the Government of Ceylon to the case of alleged deceitful recruitment which formed the subject of correspondence between the Durbar and the Residency.

3. It was suggested to the Government of India that the Ceylon Government should be moved to consider the desirability of placing the present system of recruiting under more adequate control. The Government of India, however, have pointed out that this is hardly a matter with which the Colonial Government can be considered to be directly concerned, and have observed that recruitment must be dealt with within their respective jurisdictions, by the Government of British India or by the Durbars of Native States.

3. I am also to explain that emigration to Ceylon from British India is practically confined to the Madras Presi-

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dency

Presidency, and that no restrictions are imposed on this emigration, inasmuch as the Colony is geographically a part of India and there has been from time immemorial a natural flow of the South Indian Tamil population to the island of Ceylon. Recruitment for the Colony in British India has been conducted generally in a satisfactory manner and no occasion has arisen in the past for placing restrictions on emigration. The treatment of the labourers in Ceylon also is understood to be good. In regard to certain criticisms of the treatment of imported labour in the island, the Government of India understand that the Colonial Government are taking steps to safeguard the interests of the coolies in regard to indebtedness, the payment of wages and the termination of service.

3. The Government of India have no desire, however, to press upon the Government of Mysore the adoption of the system of uncontrolled recruitment for Ceylon permitted in British India, and, if the Durbar are not satisfied with the conditions on which recruitment for Ceylon is conducted in the State, I am to point out that, as already indicated, it is open to them to introduce such restrictions on recruitment as may be considered necessary.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

First Assistant Resident.

Pol. No. 1725
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No. 2443

FROM

P. B. WARBURTON, Esq., I. C. S.,
FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

DIARY No. 4691.

1911-19
SECTION
FILE No. 53 of 10
SERIAL No. 24

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

Dated Bangalore, 26th April 1912

SIR,

In continuation of paragraph 2 of my letter No. 6701, dated the 7th November 1911, I am directed to forward herewith, for the information of the Durbár, a copy of letter No. 02349, dated the 11th March 1912, (with enclosures) from the Colonial Secretary to the Government of Ceylon to the address of the Secretary to the Government of India in the Department of Commerce and Industry, regarding the alleged improper recruitment of certain coolies from the Mysore State for work on Ceylon Estates.

2. I am to request that the papers now forwarded may be returned when done with.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

First Assistant Resident.

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P.B.Warburton Esquire I.C.S.,
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Sir,
Your most obedient servant,

Sd. P.B.Warburton

First Assiatant Resident.

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Registrar
G. R.S.

Colonial Secretary.

Ceylon.

No. 02349

Colonial Secretary's Office

Colombo, 11th March 1912

Sir,

In continuation of my acknowledgment of the receipt of your letter No. 8110 of the 30th October last, on the subject of the alleged improper recruitment of certain coolies from Mysore for work on Ceylon Estates, I am directed by His Excellency the Governor to forward for the information of the Govt of India the accompanying copy of a report, together with its enclosures, from the Government Agent of the Province of Sabaragamuwa, who was instructed to hold an enquiry into the truth of the particular cases referred to in your letter.

2. According to an extract from the Registrar of the Ceylon Labour Commissioner's Agency at Bangalore, it appears that 19 out of the 23 coolies referred to were recruited for Hathdaraganga Estate. It will however be seen from the Government Agent's report that only a small proportion of these coolies are now on that - - estate, while some have returned to their homes and the whereabouts of others cannot be ascertained - vide enclosure C referred to in para 5 of the report.

3. As intimated in para 12 of the report, the Agents of the Estates are prepared to send four of the coolies back to Mysore, and they have since agreed to send with them the other two coolies referred to in para 13.

I have, etc.,

Sd/- x x

Colonial Secretary.

The Honourable
The Secretary to the Govt of India
Dept of Commerce and Industry.

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No. 62

Ratnapura Kachcheri,

6th February 1912

Alleged Improper Recruitment of Coolies from Mysore State.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 16/22921 of 12th ultimo, I have the honour to inform you that I held an inquiry at Hathdaraganga Estate on 29th and 30th ultimo.

2. It appears from paras 2 & 3 of the Resident's letter that complaints were received by him through the Durbar alleging :-

(I) That 13 out of 23 villagers locally recruited were minors

(II) that all of them were enticed to go to Hathdaragange Estate by misrepresentations

(III) that they received nothing in cash except 8 annas (50 cents) as the balance of their wages for two months

(IV) that they were told by their Kangany that they could not retun home till they had discharged a debt of Rs50 each

(V) that they were beaten when they expressed a desire to return home

3. It further appears from para 4 that similar complaints were received from other quarters, but the details given are insufficient for any inquiry to be made into them.

4. With regard to the villagers recruited for Hathdaraganga considerable difficulty was found in identifying them by their names. Their names are spelt in different ways in enclosures A and B and in the Estate register. They and their fathers also appear to be called by several different names. However, after much questioning the coolies still on the estate identified Nos. 8,13,18 & 20 in enclosure A with Nos. 195, 136, 133 & 135 in enclosure B. They must all have been recruited through the Bangalore Agencies. The coolies were of opinion that the first and last names on enclosure A referred to the same individual.

5. I annex a return (marked C) showing the numbers borne by the gang in enclosures A & B & in the estate register, their ages as given by the coolies now on the Estate & their history subsequent to their arrival on the estate.

6. With regard to the allegation (1) in para 2 above, it is practically impossible to ascertain the correct ages of all the coolies as those whom I interviewed, were very hazy even about their own ages. Two of them, Nos 5 and 9 in enclosure A were among the ----- youngest. They have returned home and are evidently not minors, viz under 18 years, or it would have been so reported. All the six persons who returned are called " boys" and " lads" but the probability is that two of them Nos. 1 and 10 are about 30 years old.

7. With regard to allegation (11) there is no doubt that there must have been some misrepresentation. So many of the coolies would not otherwise have bolted within two or three months of their arrival. But a number of them were related to Bora Kangany and he is hardly likely to have misrepresented the life and prospects very grossly to them. He had himself been over to the estate for two months before he returned to report and to recruit. Bora Kangany is known on the coast as Kempa. Inche Boregowda, his father, is said to be a pensioned postman. Ninga, his cousin, (not his brother) is still on the estate and is known as Ninga. Madasami kangani was a Tamil kangany working on the estate. He was paid off in February 1911.

8. With regard to allegation (111) I annex copies of the estate check roll for the months of April, May and June 1910 (marked D) to show exactly what was given to the coolies in rice and cash before they " bolted " . Their wages were paid correctly though some of them received less than they expected.

9. With regard to allegation (IV) Mr. J. Sheridan Paterson, the visiting Agent of the Company, informed me that the coolies would not be charged with any debt beyond the amounts shown on the pronotes signed by them at the recruiting agency and the further advances given to them individually on the estate. I enquired whether it was proposed to transfer the whole of the liability for the expenses incurred in recruiting and bringing the coolies over from the coast to their Kangany. Mr. Paterson replied that it was proposed to write off 20 per cent of the debt each year and to regard the whole of it as irrecoverable. This had not been explained to Bora kangany and I have no doubt that he told his coolies that they could not be --

allowed

allowed to ~~k~~ leave the estate until they had individually worked long enough to pay off a debt of Rs. 50/- each. This accounts in a great measure for the dissatisfaction, which they felt and which induced then to " bolt ".

10. With regard to allegation (V) the statements made to me by the coolies on the estate prove that the charge of beating was false Had there not been a certain amount of misrepresentation and, if the ~~they~~ coolies had been told the exact amount of their pecuniary obligations to the estate at the start, I believe that all the Canarese would have been on the estate now, working contentedly. The Mysore Durbar ~~can~~ rest perfectly assured, so far as the management of the estate is concerned, that their villagers were well treated and well looked after. The trouble was that they could not be induced to stay. Till they learnt Tamil it was difficult for their Superintendents to get into touch with them. Hathdaraganga is an estate of 743 acres situated at an elevation of 3000 feet above Sea---- level. It forms one division of a group of estates. A ll the Superintendents of this group have been extremely well selected and can be trusted to look after the labourers in their charge properly. They are also particularly well-disposed to the Canarese because they have found them cleaner and more manly than the average Tamil cooly. Mr. Grierson, their present Superintendent employs two of them as his servants. I may also mention that this group has its own private hospital , well equipped, accomodating 30 patients and with a fully qualified medical officer in charge.

11. Return C mentioned in para 5 above, gives the history of the 23 villagers mentioned in enclosure A. The following is a summarized account of the 38 villagers mentioned in enclosure B:-

On the estate 7 (including B 135, 133, 136, 194, 117, 143 and Lingi who has no number)

On leave 1

Returned home 6

" Bolted " 22

Dead 2

The coolies"bolted" in June 1910, and their Superintendents have been unable to trace them. They probably joined other gangs of Canarese coolies. Some of them may have returned home since August last year, when the Resident's letter was written. I annex memos (marked E.7

showing that the causes of death in the above two cases were chronic diarrhoea and dysentry. They were verified at the hospital and found to be correct.

12. In view of the representations made to them, the Agents Messrs James Finlay and Co have offered to repatriate.

Karia B.135

Betta B. 133

Thummiah B.194

Channah B.117.

They also offered to repatriate Anga, recruited much later on Ragama certificate No.16 dated 9-5-11. He has unfortunately since died. I annex a memo (marked G) verified at the hospital, showing that the cause of death was chronic dysentry.

13. Putti B.143, who recently married Bora Kangany and her mother Lingi (mentioned, but given no number in enclosure B) also want to go home and I think that the Agents might be asked to let them go, although there can have been lettle misrepresentation so far as they were concerned. Lingi does appear to have thought that she might find a situation as an ayah.

14. Linga, B.136, cousin of Bora kangany wants to remain.

15. The above are the only coolies connected with the original 38.

16. There are four more Canarese on Hathdaraganga, Nanga recruited on Ragama certificate No.15 dated 9-5-11 and Deva and the two Letchimies, who arrived on the estate starving and whom the Superintendent was permitted by Government to take into his employ after he had duly advertised their names. They are all content to remain.

17. Two more coolies from another division, Ratganga, who had also no connection with the original 38, also appeared before me. They were grossly deceived by a professional recruiter and an absconding Tamil Kangany into the belief that they were being taken to Natal. But they are now contented and comfortable and will be given special work to enable them to save money to take home, when they return.

18. I inspected the lines of the Cannarese to see that they were properly housed.

19. I annex their statements. P.C.750 Gopal Pannikar was kindly lent to me by the Inspector General of Police and was specially useful in helping me to distinguish the various names of the coolies and of their villages.

20. The enclosures which accompanied your letter are returned as directed.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

Sd. W.L.Murphy
Office Assistant.

Sd E.B.Alexander
Government Agent.

To,

The Hon. The Colonial Secretary, Ceylon.

HATHDARAGENGA.

30. 1. 12.

Inche Bora Gowa's son Bora states

I am aged 28 years, a Canarese. My father lives at Kuruvanka. I am Kangany in charge of 11 Canarese coolies on Hathdaraganga Estate. I am also called Kep Kempa of Kuruvanka. There is no Kempa of Boladure. My cousin is known as Boladure Ninga. He is on this Estate known as Linga. His father lives at Boladure.

I was brought to Ceylon by Madasami. I met him at Bangalore about three years ago. He told me that he knew a place in Ceylon where I could get Rs. 20 per mensem as a Kangany. I then went over to Ceylon to this estate with Madasami alone. For two months he kept me here and gave me the & salary which he had promised. Then he told me that he would give me an increase of pay if I would go back to India with him and recruit some coolies. I then spoke to my relations and used my influence to bring some coolies with me. My father Inche Bora Gowda is a retired postman and receives a pension. I sent two batches over with Madasami and myself brought the last batch myself. The coolies are all of the same caste as myself Of the 12 coolies on the check roll of the estate for December (last month), I am related to five. In addition to those five, I was related to about seven others. Of the six coolies who returned to India (1,5,8,9,10,11 on A list) No 10 Siva Ninga was related to me. No. 9 is a dhoby caste man. I told the coolies that they would ~~be given rice in advance but that the price~~ & receive Rs. 10 per mensem, Madasamy told me that they would. I told them that they would be given rice in advance but that the price of ~~the~~ the rice would be deducted from their wages. I have only been twice to the coast since I came to Ceylon. I am glad to stay here. My men are not willing to stay. I don't know what the reason is. I get 40 cents for every day I work and 4 cents per head per diem for each of my coolies when they work.

E.B.ALEXANDER

Government Agent.

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(20)

B.V

A (20 Kariya son of Laka states.

I was brought over to Ceylon by Bora Kangany in May 1910. He promised that I should receive Rs. 15/- per mensem as pay, that I should not have to pluck tea leaf but only take rubber milk. I was persuaded to come by a man named Sidda, who told me of the promises made by Bora Kangany My village is Kuberahally. I am a paraya caste man. I have no complaints to make about my life on the estate. I want to go over to the coast to see my father and mother. I am doing horsekeeper's work under the Superintendent of the Estate (Mr. Grierson). I dont know what my actual pay is. I received 1 bushel of rice and a balance of Rs. 7 and I receive "batta" and clothes. I have no complaint to make about my food or treatment. I have heard no complaints from the other coolies The reason why the other coolies bolted from the estate was because the Kangany used to give them short rice. He received the orders for rice for them all on the rice store and distributed it unjustly. (Age about 25).

E.B. ALEXANDER,

Government Agent.

A (18) Betta son of Seluva alias Posta states

I don't know my age. I think I am about 20. My village is Devikere. I have been on the estate about 2 years. I am of the same caste and live in the village adjoining that of Bora Kangany. We knew him well and our families used to visit each other. He asked me to come over to Ceylon. He told me that I would get Rs. 15 per mensem as salary, and that I could come over and see how I liked the work and return home again if I was dissatisfied in 4 or 5 months. I am not willing to stay on this estate I wish to go back to my village as all my relations are there. I have no complaints to make. I have never asked the Superintendent to let me go back to my village. I have not been beaten myself and I never saw any other of our coolies beaten. I asked the Kangany once whether I could go home. He said that I must first work off the amount spent on bringing me over to ceylon by the Company He said that the debt of each cooly would be about Rs.40 or Rs.50 I do not know why the coolies bolted. They never informed me that they had been asked to be allowed to go. I have never been

unfairly treated by the Kangany. He distributes rice fairly according to the amount of work done. I live in a line room by myself.

E.B.Alexander,
Government Agent.

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(13) Linga son of Bora Gowda states.

I am aged 24, cousin of Bore Kangany. I have been in Ceylon over 2 years. I am doing contract work weeding and receive Rs. 1.25 per acre for weeding. Bora Kangany persuaded me to come over. I asked him to allow me to accompany him. I am perfectly satisfied.

E.B.Alexander,
Government Agent.

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(14) Thimma son of Govinda states.

I am aged about 18. I am related to Bora Kangany by caste and live in the same village. I was persuaded by him to come. He said that I should get Rs 15 per mensem and could save something. I have no complaints to make: but my parents and relations are all at the coast and I am anxious to go home and see them. If I were cultivating corn at home I should save more than I can save here. I don't know what the exact rate of wages paid to me is. I am paid in the same way as the rest for the work which I do . The coolies bolted ~~because~~ because they wanted to get back home to their relations and did not like the work. We were told that we should do rubber work and not pluck tea leaf. The coolies were not beaten before they ran away. I was assaulted once by my Kangany. I wanted rice and he was angry with me, He gave me the rice later. He gave me four or five blows with his hand on the back.

E.B.Alexander,
Government Agent.

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(21) Channa Channa states.

I am borther of Kariya, am aged about 20. Am garden cooly under the Superintendent. I get 33 cents per diem. Bora saw me at Maranahally and told me that I should get Rs. 15 per mensem if I came over to C e y l o n. I knew him well before. I

I believed that I should get Rs. 15. I was not in receipt of ~~regular~~ regular pay. I was looking after my own property. I have no complaints to make. I am willing to stay on the estate, but I have a great desire to go home and see my relations. The coolies bolted because they were paid less than they expected and than they were promised. They were not beaten before they bolted.

E.B.Alexander,
Government Agent.

Putty states.

I am the mother of Bora Kangany's wife. I am not willing to stay on the estate. I never had to work so hard. I have no other complaint to make. My daughter has been married to the Kangany eight months. I never had ~~to do~~ such work to do before. The Kangany suggested that I should go over with him and that I might perhaps get some Ayah's work on the estate.

E.B.Alexander,
Government Agent.

Nangamma alias Lingi.

Putty is my mother. I am aged 14. I wish to go back to India. My brothers and sisters are all there. So I wish to go and live with them. I have been on the estate 3 years. I have no complaints to make. I wouldn't mind leaving the Kangany behind.

E.B.Alexander,
Government Agent.

Deva and the 2 Letchimys state that they came over to Ceylon with a Canarese speaking Kangany, a Canarese man, caste and name unknown Deva came from Hunsur Talug, Nilvadi. Sinne Letchimy from Mysore town. Agrahere street known there as Nanni. Periya Letchimy comes from Nilvadi, Hundur Talug. They state that they went to Bangalore Depot, were kept there a day and then a Canarese man told them to go to Trichinopoly. From Trichinopoly we were sent to Colombo in advance of a Kangany, who never turned up. We waited in Colombo some days and then met Bora Kangany. We never went to Ragama. We did not receive tin tickets. we have no complaints to make.

E.B. Alexander
Government Agent

A.V.

Mr. J.A.Grierson the Superintendent of Habaragange states

I believe that these three coolies bolted from the camp at Ragama during the cholera scare. That was the account they gave on arrival. I gave them rice as they had nothing to eat and were not ordinary Tamils but Canarese. I advertized their names and descriptions in the papers and finally received the authority of the Government Agent to employ them although they had not been recruited in the manner prescribed by the Ordinance

E. B. ALEXANDER,

Government Agent.

Nanja states.

I have no complaints, am quite pleased to work on the estate. I am aged 16 my father is Maia Gowder of Kalaman Street, Mysore town. I am not related to any one on the estate. Bora Kangany recruited me. He said I should get Rs 10 per mensem and a kottu of rice a day. I got no regular pay in India. I worked as a cultivator.

E. B. ALEXANDER,

Government Agent.

Two Canarese coolies of Ratganga Estate, another estate of this group viz:-

Nanjegowda and Hanuma appear before me.

Nanjegowda states

I came with Hanuma straight to Ratganga estate about a year ago under Nallasamy, a Tamil Kangany under Vellasamy Head Kangany. Nallasamy has bolted. He went over to India on pretence of bringing coolies and never returned. We want to go back home Mysore Jilla, Nagamangalam Taluk, Nagamangalam Halli. In our country there was no rain and the country was very poor. So we left our country meaning to go to Natal. Friends of mine told us that they get Rs 20 per mensem there. At Erode Depot I met Nallasamy. He told me he was sending me to Natal, but I found that I was brought to Ceylon. Hanuma is my son. We are the only Canarese on Ratganga. We have no complaints to make. My intention is to save some money and go back to my country. We are working as ordinary coolies. We get only Rs 2 and Rs 3 at the end of a month after the price of our rice is deducted. We don't know what our debt is to the Company (This will be explained to

to them as they will shortly be given pass books). I should like to come up to this estate to work with Bora's gang as I have got accustomed to the other estate, like the water and am comfortable there. I would rather work till I died there than change my quarters.

E. B. ALEXANDER,
Government Agent.

Copy.
Municipal Registrar
by R. S.

	where about?	
	Perhaps double entry - Same as 23	
	Returns to Coast	
	Bolted June 1910, cannot be traced	X
0	do	X
0	do	X
0	Returned to coast	
2	Bolted June 1910, cannot be traced	X
3	do	
25	Returned to Coast	
20	do	
30	do	
23	do	
28	Bolted June 1910, cannot be traced	
24	working on the estate	
18	do	
20	went to coast with leave	
26	Died	
18	Died	
20	working on the estate	
30	Bolted June 1910, cannot be traced	
25	working on the estate	
20	do	
27	Bolted June 1910, cannot be traced	
30	do.	

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List showing numbers on list A, Banq

No on list A	No on Bangalore list	No on Estate Register	Names	Ages
1		758	Sika Kanja	30
2	192	760	Basana	2
3	118	761	Dyaru Dena	2
4	140	848	Kala	2
5	198	756	Rutha	2
6	134	847	Sina	8
7	196	755	Kala	2
8	195	753	Thammiah	
9	193	751	Ramma	
10	137	841	Sina (Kanja)	
11	133	877	Thimma	
12	188	849	Kunja (Da)	
13	136	873	Kunj Kunja,	
14	194	754	Thimma	
15	141	752	Chinna (Kunja)	
16	126	759	Sinna alias Doddakunja	
17	120	856	Sanna Kunja	
18	133	874	Kunta (Rutha	
19	197	757	kunja	
20	135	876	Lakka	
21	117	762	Chinna	
22	136	852	Bora	
23	190	758	Sina	

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FROM

P. B. WARBURTON, ESQ., I. C. S.,

FIRST ASSISTANT TO THE RESIDENT IN MYSORE.

DIARY No. 4734

To

The Dewan of Mysore.

1911-1912

SECTION Q. M

FILE No. 530/CO

SERIAL No. 25

Dated Bangalore, 30th April 1912

SIR,

In continuation of this office letter No. 2443, dated the 26th April 1912, I am directed to forward herewith, for the information of the Durbar, a copy of a further letter No.4554, dated the 20th March 1912 (with enclosures) from the Colonial Secretary, Colombo to the address of the Secretary to the Government of India, Department of Commerce and Industry, regarding the return to the Mysore State of certain coolies recruited for work in Ceylon.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

P B Warburton

First Assistant Resident.

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No. 4554

Colonial Secretary's Office,

Colombo, 20th March 1912.

Sir,

Adverting to paragraph 3 of my letter dated 11th March 1912 on the subject of the alleged improper recruitment of certain coolies from Mysore for work on Ceylon estates, I am directed to forward for your information the enclosed copy of a letter dated 5th March from the Agents of the Hathdaraganga Estate, together with its enclosures, from which it will be seen that the six coolies referred to were sent back to -- India on the 1st instant.

I have etc.,

Sd/- —

For Colonial Secretary.

The Hon'ble

The Secretary to the Government of India,

Department of Commerce and Industry.

Colombo, 5th March 1912.

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The Hon'ble the Colonial Secretary,

C o l o m b o

Mysore Coolies.

Sir,

We have the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your letter No. 3856 of 27th ultimo.

We attach copies of letters, dated 28th February and 3rd -- instant received from Mr. J.L. Grierson, the Superintendent of our Hathdaraganga Estate.

The six coolies referred to by Mr. Grierson, were -- despatched by him from the Estate on 1st instant, and we trust they will arrive safely at their destination.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient servants,

per pro James Finlay & Co., Limited.

Sd/- Alex Fairlie.

Hathdaraganga Estate,

28th February 1912.

Messrs James Finlay & Co., Limited,

C o l o m b o .

Dear sirs,

With reference to your letter dated 23rd February 1912, I am sending the 6 Mysore Coolies back to the Coast on the 1st March.

The cooly Anga, who is dead, did not belong to this gang, and evidently the Government Agent has mixed up the names. Nanja is still on the estate and is one of the 5 coolies whom Mr. Patterson wished to repatriate on his first enquiry. Now, however Nanja says he does not wish to leave the Estate, but wishes to remain as my Horsekeeper, he asked me to transfer him from Bora Kangany's gang to estate a/c which I am doing; as I can always send him back to Mysore, if he ever wishes to go.

I enclose a list of the coolies names, whom I am sending

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back to Mysore.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- J.L. Crierson.

Names of the Mysore Coolies being Repatriated.

1. Karia	...	Male
2. China Chenga	...	do
3. Betta	...	do
4. Timma	...	do
5. Nanjamma Bora Kangany's wife		
6. Putti - Nanjamma's mother.		

Sd/- J.L. Crierson.

Hathdaraganga Estate,

Ratnapura, 3rd March 1912.

Messrs James Finlay & Co., Limited,

C o l o m b o

Dear sirs,

I have already sent the Mysore Coolies back to India. I gave each cooly Rs. 8/- for travelling expenses, which is quite enough to take them to their destinations. They also received their pay at the same time. I have given each cooly a discharge note.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/- J.L. Crierson.

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A Thiyagarajah
for Registrar.
Resident's office

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To
The First Asst Resident

22-5-12

Sir

Signed by Lr K.R. Sreenivasaraiyar Esq

With reference to the correspondence ending with your letter No 250 dated the 30th April 1912 on the subject of the alleged improper recruitment of certain coolies from the State for work in Ceylon and the subsequent return of some of them to the State,

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I am directed to request you to kindly convey ~~to the Ceylon Govt~~ the acknowledgments and thanks of the Durbar to the Ceylon Govt for their courtesy in ~~making the enquiries having made enquiries~~ inquiring into the matter and making arrangements which facilitated ~~arranged for~~ the return of some of the coolies in question, who desired to return to the native country - being facilitated.

The enclosures received with your letter No. 2443 dated the 26th April 1912 are returned herewith as desired. ~~by you~~

List of enclosures,

Letter 14 May 12

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Examined by

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